

Preliminary list of spiders and other arachnids of Saudi Arabia (Except ticks and mites)

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Abstract

Seven orders of class Arachnida were recorded from Saudi Arabia; in addition to Acari (ticks and mites are outside the scope of this work). They are: Araneae (25 Families, 69 genera, 77 species), Scorpiones (3 Families, 14 genera, 23 species), Pseudoscorpiones (5 Families, 11 genera, 19 species), Solifugae (4 Families, 8 genera, 15 species), Opiliones (1 Family, 1 genus, 1 species), Palpigradi (1 Family, 1 genus, 1 species), and Amblypygi (1 Family, 1 genus, 1 species). The total is: 40 Families, 105 genera, 137 species. Each order section includes recorded taxa with their localities, list of species, and keys to families of spiders, scorpions, pseudoscorpions, and sun-spiders.

Four spider families (Araneidae, Corinnidae, Oonopidae, Palpimanidae), 7 genera [*Arctosa* ? (Lycosidae), *Micaria* (Gnaphosidae), *Oecobius* (Oecobiidae), *Oxyopes* (Oxyopidae), *Runcinia* (Thomisidae), *Thanatus* & *Tibellus* (Philodromidae)], and 2 species [*Tibellus vossioni* Simon, 1884 (Philodromidae) and *Runcinia grammica* (C.L Koch, 1837) (Thomisidae)] are recorded from Saudi Arabia for the first time.

Notes on four species, *Runcinia grammica* (Thomisidae), *Tibellus vossioni* (Philodromidae), *Pterotricha dalmasi* (Gnaphosidae), and *Eusparassus laevatus* (Sparassidae), are included with pictures of habitus, palpal organ and epigynum of these species.

Keywords: Arachnida, Araneae, Scorpiones, Pseudoscorpiones, Solifugae, Opiliones, Palpigradi, Amblypygi, Saudi Arabia.

Introduction

Saudi Arabia (2,149,690 km²) is the largest Arab state in Asia. It is called the "Land of the Two Holy Mosques" in Mecca and Medina, the two holiest places in Islam. Saudi Arabia is divided into 13 provinces (Fig. 1). Most of the country is desert.

Although, it has the world's second largest oil reserve, its natural resources, especially invertebrate animals, are poorly studied. The studies on spiders and other

arachnids are few. The available publications dealt with collected arachnid specimens were consulted to prepare this preliminary list of Saudi Arabian spiders and other arachnids. Also, arachnid specimens collected from different regions of Saudi Arabia by colleagues were primarily identified, sometimes only to genus or family levels because of lack of information or because the specimens are not adult. More specimens and better identification are required to get better information on the arachnids of the country. Seven orders of class Arachnida are recorded from Saudi Arabia; in addition to Acari (ticks and mites are outside the scope of this work). Orders Schizomida, Uropygi, and Ricinulei are not recorded yet from Saudi Arabia.

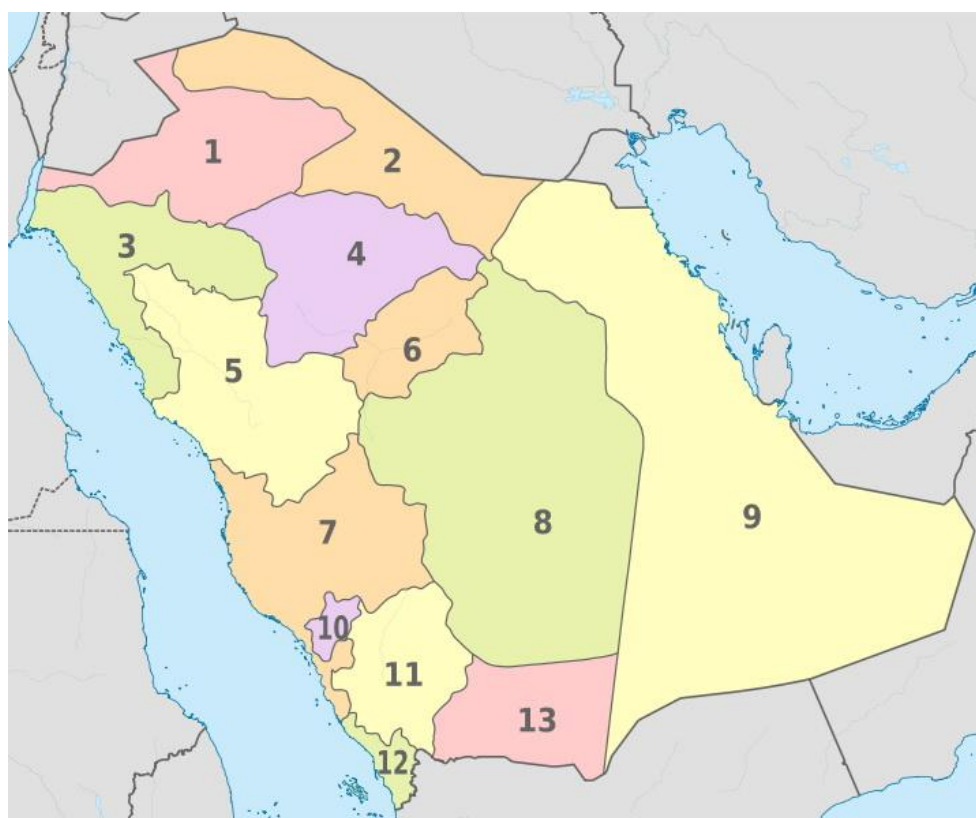


Fig. 1. Map of Saudi Arabia and its provinces.

1. Al Jawf. 2. Northern borders. 3. Tabuk. 4. Ha'il. 5. Al Madinah. 6. Al Qasim. 7. Makkah. 8. Al Riyadh. 9. Eastern province. 10. Al Baha. 11. Asir. 12. Jizan. 13. Najran.

After Wikipedia (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Saudi_Arabia,_administrative_divisions_-_Nmbrs_-_colored.svg)

The seven recorded arachnid orders are: Araneae, Scorpiones, Pseudoscorpiones, Solifugae, Opiliones, Palpigradi, and Amblypygi. The numbers of recorded taxa are as follows:

Order	Families	Genera	Species
Araneae	25	69	77
Scorpiones	3	14	23
Pseudoscorpiones	5	11	19
Solifugae	4	8	15
Opiliones	1	1	1
Palpigradi	1	1	1
Amblypygi	1	1	1
Total	40	105	137

Each order is dealt with in a separate section that includes recorded taxa with their localities, list of species, keys to families of spiders, scorpions, pseudoscorpions, and sunspiders. All the references are collected together. The authorship and date of publication of both Savigny and Audouin (1825) are according to El-Hennawy (2000).

The abbreviations used for collections mentioned in the text are:

AMNH = American Museum of Natural History, New York, USA

CTh = Coll. Konrad Thaler & Barbara Knoflach, Innsbruck, Austria

DBUJ = Department of Biosciences, University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

KSMA = King Saud University Museum of Arthropods, Al Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

MHNG = Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle, Genève, Switzerland

MNHNP, MNHN = Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France

MRAC = Musée Royal de l'Afrique Centrale, Tervuren, Belgium

NHMB, NMB = Naturhistorisches Museum, Basel, Switzerland

PCMA = Private Collection Mark Alderweireldt

SMF = Senckenberg Research Institute, Frankfurt am Main, Germany

I. Spiders of Saudi Arabia

Among the sporadic publications on spiders of Saudi Arabia, a few families were "better" studied and a few publications are remarkable. These studies are reviewed below:

Jocqué (1981) described the new subspecies *Erigone vagans arabica* of Family Linyphiidae from Saudi Arabia. Later, he described three new zodariid species with Ono (Ono & Jocqué, 1986): *Trygetus riadhensis* and *Acanthinozodium buettikeri* from Riyadh's region, and alone (Jocqué, 1991): *Lachesana insensibilis* near Jeddah. Two of the three species are endemic.

Dippenaar-Schoeman (1989) recorded 8 species of crab spiders (Thomisidae) from Saudi Arabia, including a new endemic species called *Misumena buettikeri*, which is later transferred to genus *Ansiea*. Dippenaar-Schoeman & van Harten (2007) recorded the thomisid *Thomisus arabicus* Simon, 1882 and *Thomisus daradioides* Simon, 1890 from Saudi Arabia.

Prószyński (1989) described 19 species of Salticidae from Saudi Arabia, containing one new genus *Heliophanillus* and 10 new species, and stated that "the fauna exhibits a clear relationship with that of the Ethiopian region, with less influence from the Oriental one, and even less from the Mediterranean". Later, in his second part on "Salticidae of Saudi Arabia", Prószyński (1993) listed 12 species from Saudi Arabia, containing 6 new species.

Alderweireldt (1991) recorded *Evippa praelongipes* (O.P.-Cambridge, 1870) from Saudi Arabia and later (Alderweireldt, 1996) he described the new species *Ocyale neatalanta* which is now synonymised with *Ocyale pilosa* (Roewer, 1960). Alderweireldt & Jocqué (2005) described the new species *Hippasa sinai* from Sinai (Egypt) and Saudi Arabia.

Ovtsharenko *et al.* (1994) described the new endemic gnaphosid species *Synaphosus khashm* from Khashm Khafs, Ar Riyad, Saudi Arabia and recorded the presence of *Synaphosus syntheticus* in the country.

Jäger (2000) described the new endemic sparassid species *Cebrennus intermedius* from Saudi Arabia, and recorded *Cebrennus aethiopicus* Simon, 1880 from the country.

Knoflach & van Harten (2002) recorded 3 species of genus *Latrodectus* (Theridiidae) from Saudi Arabia; *Latrodectus dahli* Levi, 1959, *L. geometricus* C.L. Koch, 1841, and *L. renivulvatus* Dahl, 1902. In two "Notes on Mediterranean Theridiidae", the authors recorded both *Paidiscura dromedaria* (Simon, 1880) and

Theridion spinitarse O.P.-Cambridge, 1876 from Saudi Arabia (Knoflach & Thaler, 2000; Knoflach *et al.*, 2009).

El-Hennawy (2011) recorded the afrotropical *Cheiracanthium molle* L. Koch, 1875 from Al-Baha in Saudi Arabia for the first time.

Desouky & El-Hennawy (2012) presented a preliminary list of Ha'il's spiders, including 14 genera, in addition to five unidentified spider species, belonging to 16 families.

Moradmand (2013) described the new species *Eusparassus arabicus* from "Mintaqat ar Riyad" and other places of Saudi Arabia, and recorded *Eusparassus laevatus* (Simon, 1897) comb. nov. from *Al Bahah* and other regions of Saudi Arabia.

Abd El-Wakeil *et al.* (2014) studied the soil macroinvertebrates of Wadi Al-Arj in the Taif region of western Saudi Arabia and listed in Table (2) 10 families, 16 genera, and 8 species of spiders, in addition to the sun-spider *Biton* sp. of Family Daesiidae and the pseudoscorpion Family Olpiidae.

The specimens collected by El-Hawagry from Al-Baha region are partly studied. The final identification would add more records to the Saudi Arabian fauna.

This paper is the fourth one in the author's study of Saudi Arabian spiders. The first one recorded *Cheiracanthium molle*, its genus and its family from Saudi Arabia for the first time (El-Hennawy, 2011).

The second one (Desouky & El-Hennawy, 2012) recorded for the first time from Saudi Arabia 7 families, 8 genera, and 7 species of Order Araneae as follows:

Family **Agelenidae**, Genus *Benoitia*, *Benoitia lepida*

Family **Eresidae**, Genus *Stegodyphus*, *Stegodyphus lineatus*

Family **Oecobiidae**, Genus *Uroctea* sp.

Family **Pholcidae**, Genus *Artema*, *Artema atlanta*

Family **Scytodidae**, *Scytodes* sp.

Family **Selenopidae**, Genus *Selenops* sp.

Family **Sicariidae**, Genus *Loxosceles*, *Loxosceles rufescens*

Pterotricha dalmasi [Family **Gnaphosidae**]

Genus *Cerbalus* [Family **Sparassidae**]

Eusparassus walckenaeri [Family **Sparassidae**]

Latrodectus tredecimguttatus [Family **Theridiidae**]

The third one (Abd El-Wakeil *et al.*, 2014; identification of El-Hennawy) added 1 family, 9 genera, and 6 species to the spider fauna of Saudi Arabia as follows:

Family **Uloboridae**, Genus *Uloborus* sp.

Scytodes univittata [Family **Scytodidae**]

Genus *Poecilochroa*, *Poecilochroa senilis* [Family **Gnaphosidae**]

Genus *Trachyzelotes*, *Trachyzelotes jaxartensis* [Family **Gnaphosidae**]

Genus *Mermessus* [Family **Linyphiidae**]

Genus *Hogna*, *Hogna ferox* [Family **Lycosidae**]

Genus *Pardosa* [Family **Lycosidae**]

Genus *Wadicosa*, *Wadicosa fidelis* [Family **Lycosidae**]

Genus *Philodromus* [Family **Philodromidae**]

Genus *Steatoda*, *Steatoda paykulliana* [Family **Theridiidae**]

Now, this work records the following taxa from Saudi Arabia for the first time:

Families **Araneidae**, **Corinnidae**, **Palpimanidae** from Al-Baha and Family **Oonopidae** from Fawasan.

Genera *Arctosa* ? (Lycosidae), *Micaria* (Gnaphosidae), *Oxyopes* (Oxyopidae), *Runcinia* (Thomisidae), *Thanatus* & *Tibellus* (Philodromidae) from Al-Baha and genus *Oecobius* (Oecobiidae) from Abha.

Tibellus vossioni Simon, 1884 (Philodromidae) and *Runcinia grammica* (C.L Koch, 1837) (Thomisidae) from Al-Baha.

[The total is: 13 Families, 25 genera, and 16 species of Order Araneae.]

Order Araneae Clerck, 1757

Family **Agelenidae** C.L. Koch, 1837

Genus *Benoitia* Lehtinen, 1967

♂♀ *Benoitia lepida* (O.P.-Cambridge, 1876)

Benoitia lepida (O.P.-Cambridge, 1876) - Desouky & El-Hennawy (2012): 7♀, 1s♂, 3j, Ha'il City, 22 July 2010, N 27°32'35" E 41°42'15"; Rujama Village, 13 August 2011, N 27°55'09" E 42°08'25"; Sofaitt, 14 August 2011, N 25°37'50" E 40°38'10".

Benoitia lepida - Abd El-Wakeil *et al.* (2014): Wadi Al-Arj, Taif, Saudi Arabia.

Agelena sp.? - Al-Baha, leg. El-Hawagry: 1s♀, 25.5.2011, Gebel El-Baher.

Family **Araneidae** Clerck, 1757

Al-Baha, leg. El-Hawagry: 1j, 1.6.2011, Gebel El-Baher; 1j *Larinia* ? sp., 18.4.2012, 1j, 22.2.2012, Al-Mekhwa.

Family **Corinnidae** Karsch, 1880

Al-Baha, leg. El-Hawagry: 1j, 2.1.2012, Dhee Ain.

Family **Eresidae** C.L. Koch, 1845

Genus *Stegodyphus* Simon, 1873

♂♀ *Stegodyphus lineatus* (Latreille, 1817)

Stegodyphus lineatus (Latreille, 1817) - Desouky & El-Hennawy (2012): 5♀, Great Nofood, 21 August 2010, N 27°49'05" E 40°54'00"; Om Sanman, 21 August 2010, N 28°05'18" E 40°54'00"; Rujama Village, 13 August 2011, N 27°56'59" E 42°08'25".

Family **Gnaphosidae** Pocock, 1898

Genus *Micaria* Westring, 1851

Micaria sp. - Al-Baha, leg. El-Hawagry: 1j, 2.1.2012, Dhee Ain.

Genus *Poecilochroa* Westring, 1874

♂♀ *Poecilochroa senilis* (O.P.-Cambridge, 1872)

Poecilochroa senilis - Abd El-Wakeil *et al.* (2014): Wadi Al-Arj, Taif, Saudi Arabia.

Genus *Pterotricha* Kulczyński, 1903

♂♀ *Pterotricha dalmasi* Fage, 1929 (Figs. 1-6)

Pterotricha dalmasi Fage, 1929 - Desouky & El-Hennawy (2012): 1♂, 2♀, 1s♂, Rujama, 13 August 2011, N 27°56'10" E 42°07'45".

Pterotricha dalmasi - Al-Baha, leg. El-Hawagry: 2♀, 1.2.2012, 6♀, 1j, 11.4.2012, 1 s♂, 8.6.2011, 1j, 21.12.2011, Ghabet Shohba; 1♂, 4.4.2012, 2♀, 1j, 17.5.2012, Rhaghdan.

♂♀ *Pterotricha lesserti* Dalmas, 1921

Pterotricha lesserti Dalmas, 1921 - Levy, 1995: 960-962, f. 63, 98-102 (♂, S♀), *Pterotricha fanatica* Dalmas, 1921: 261, fig. 27; ♀ Syntype from Arabia, Jiddah (MNHN, B.663. Ar.3201).

Genus *Setaphis* Simon, 1893

♂♀ *Setaphis subtilis* (Simon, 1897)

Setaphis subtilis (Simon, 1897) - Platnick & Murphy, 1996: 9-12, f. 21-24, Material Examined: Saudi Arabia: Riyadh, Jan. 11, 1980 (A.S. Talhouk, NMB), 1♀.

Setaphis sp. - Abd El-Wakeil *et al.* (2014): Wadi Al-Arj, Taif, Saudi Arabia.

Genus *Synaphosus* Platnick & Shadab, 1980

♀ *Synaphosus khashm* Ovtsharenko, Levy & Platnick, 1994 **Only in Saudi Arabia**

Synaphosus khashm n.sp. - Ovtsharenko, Levy & Platnick, 1994: 24, f. 84-85 (D♀), Type: Female holotype from Khashm Khafs, Ar Riyadh, Saudi Arabia (March 13, 1981: W. Büttiker), deposited in NMB.

♂♀ *Synaphosus syntheticus* (Chamberlin, 1924)

Synaphosus syntheticus - Ovtsharenko, Levy & Platnick, 1994: 5-6, f. 1-2, 12-20 (♂♀), Saudi Arabia: Dirab Pigeon, Dec. 2, 1979 (W. Büttiker, NMB), 1♂, 1♀.

Genus *Trachyzelotes* Lohmander, 1944

♂♀ *Trachyzelotes jaxartensis* (Kroneberg, 1875)

Trachyzelotes jaxartensis - Abd El-Wakeil *et al.* (2014): Wadi Al-Arj, Taif, Saudi Arabia.

Genus *Zelotes* Gistel, 1848

♂♀ *Zelotes laetus* (O.P.-Cambridge, 1872)

Zelotes laetus (O.P.-Cambridge, 1872) - FitzPatrick, 2007: 108, f. 21-24 (♂♀, S), Material examined: Saudi Arabia: Juriad Island [27°11'N, 49°57'E], 10 September 1981, J. M. Bafort, 1♀, MRAC 168.723.

Zelotes sp. - Abd El-Wakeil *et al.* (2014): Wadi Al-Arj, Taif, Saudi Arabia.

Family **Linyphiidae** Blackwall, 1859

Genus *Prinerigone* Millidge, 1988

♂ *Prinerigone vagans arabica* (Jocqué, 1981)

Only in Saudi Arabia

Erigone vagans arabica - Jocqué, 1981: 111-113, f. 1-3 (D♂), *Erigone vagans arabica* n. ssp. Material examined: male holotype: Wadi Marba, Khamis Mushayt, 2050 m, 17.IV.1976; 1 juvenile male probably belonging to the same taxon: same date as holotype.

Genus *Lepthyphantes* Menge, 1866

Lepthyphantes (?) sp. Jocqué, 1981: 113, Only one specimen was collected, a subadult female from Wadi Khumra, 21.I.1977 (leg. W. Büttiker). It can not be identified to species level.

Genus *Mermessus* O.P.-Cambridge, 1899

Mermessus sp. - Abd El-Wakeil *et al.* (2014): Wadi Al-Arj, Taif, Saudi Arabia.

Unidentified species. - Al-Baha, leg. El-Hawagry: 1♀, 18.4.2012, Al-Mekhwa.

Family **Lycosidae** Sundevall, 1833

Genus *Arctosa* C.L. Koch, 1847

Arctosa ? sp. - Al-Baha, leg. El-Hawagry: 1♀, 2.1.2012, Dhee Ain.

Genus *Evippa* Simon, 1882

♂♀ *Evippa praelongipes* (O.P.-Cambridge, 1870)

Evippa praelongipes (O.P.-Cambridge, 1870) - Alderweireldt, 1991: 369-371, f. 5.1-5 (♀, D♂), *Other material examined*. 7♂♂ 2♀♀: Saudi Arabia, Jeddah region, exact locality and date unknown (1980s), A. Faragalla (5♂♂ DBUJ, 1♂ 1♀ MRAC 171.8819 and MRAC 171.820, 1♂ 1♀ PCMA).

Genus *Hippasa* Simon, 1885

♂ *Hippasa sinai* Alderweireldt & Jocqué, 2005

Hippasa sinai n.sp. - Alderweireldt & Jocqué, 2005: 61-63, f. 38-39 (D♂), Saudi-Arabia: 2♂: Hada Asham area, 21°47'N 039°41'E, nr. 12, 2000–2001, exact date unknown, sweep net alfalfa crop, A. Faragalla (PCMA 1273 and 1274); 1♂: Hada Asham area, 21°47'N 039°41'E, nr. 12, 2000–2001, exact date unknown, pitfall, A. Faragalla (PCMA 1272).

Genus *Hogna* Simon, 1885

♂♀ *Hogna ferox* (Lucas, 1838)

Hogna ferox - Abd El-Wakeil *et al.* (2014): Wadi Al-Arj, Taif, Saudi Arabia.

Genus *Ocyale* Savigny, 1825

♂♀ *Ocyale pilosa* (Roewer, 1960)

Ocyale neatalanta n.sp. - Alderweireldt, 1996: 1353-1356, f. 1-3, 5-13, 20, 25 (D♂♀), Saudi-Arabia: 2♂♂: Hoda Alsham area, sweepnetted from alfalfa, A. Faragalla (MRAC 171809); 2♀♀, same locality (MRAC 171811).

Ocyale pilosa (Roewer, 1960) comb.nov. - Alderweireldt & Jocqué, 2005: 63 (♂, S♀).

Genus *Pardosa* C.L. Koch, 1847

Pardosa sp. - Abd El-Wakeil *et al.* (2014): Wadi Al-Arj, Taif, Saudi Arabia.

Genus *Wadicosa* Zyuzin, 1985

♂♀ *Wadicosa fidelis* (O.P.-Cambridge, 1872)

Wadicosa fidelis - Abd El-Wakeil *et al.* (2014): Wadi Al-Arj, Taif, Saudi Arabia.

Family **Mimetidae** Simon, 1881

Ero canionis is recorded by Abd El-Wakeil *et al.* (2014): Wadi Al-Arj, Taif, Saudi Arabia. This maybe a misprint because it is not identified by the same person who identified other species.

Family **Miturgidae** Simon, 1886

Genus *Cheiracanthium* C.L. Koch, 1839

♂♀ *Cheiracanthium molle* L. Koch, 1875

Cheiracanthium molle L. Koch, 1875 - El-Hennawy, 2011: 114-115, f. 1-6 (♂), Material examined: 1♂, 1s♂, Saudi Arabia, Al-Baha, Gebel El-Baher (20°00'N, 41°27'E, elevation 2170m). Coll. M.S. El-Hawagry, 25 May 2011.

Cheiracanthium sp. - Desouky & El-Hennawy (2012): 1j, Al-Bed'e (Ha'il), 22 July 2010, N 27° 26'39" E 40°49'32".

Cheiracanthium sp. - Abd El-Wakeil *et al.* (2014): Wadi Al-Arj, Taif, Saudi Arabia.

Family **Oecobiidae** Blackwall, 1862

Genus *Oecobius* Lucas, 1846

Oecobius sp. - Abha, leg. Sharaf: 1j, 18.I.2004.

Genus *Uroctea* Dufour, 1820

Uroctea sp. - Desouky & El-Hennawy (2012): 1s♂, 1s♀, 1j, Toula Mountain, 1 June 2010, N 25°44'00" E 41°05'42"; Al-Asfar Mountain, 14 August 2011, N 25°59'27" E 40°32'55".

Family **Oonopidae** Simon, 1890

Unidentified species. Fawasan, leg. Sharaf: 2♂ 5♀, 25.II.2005.

Family **Oxyopidae** Thorell, 1870

Genus *Oxyopes* Latreille, 1804

Oxyopes sp. - Al-Baha, leg. El-Hawagry: 1s♂, 4j, 18.4.2012, Al-Mekhwa.

Genus *Peucetia* Thorell, 1869

♂♀ *Peucetia virescens* (O.P.-Cambridge, 1872)

Peucetia virescens - Van Niekerk & Dippenaar-Schoeman, 1994: 48, Material Examined. Saudi Arabia: Beirut, Saïda, Mairuba, Djeniu, 1♂, 1 immature ♀ (MNHN 705). = Lebanon.

Family **Palpimanidae** Thorell, 1870

Unidentified species. - Al-Baha, leg. El-Hawagry: 1♀?, 17.5.2012, Rhaghdan.

Family **Philodromidae** Thorell, 1870

Genus *Halodromus* Muster, 2009

♂♀ *Halodromus barbarae* Muster, 2009

Halodromus barbarae sp.n. - Muster, 2009: 58-60, f. 14, 17-20 (D♂♀), Material examined. Saudi Arabia: Eastern Province: 1♂, Al-Khobar, 26°17'N, 50°12'E, 12 January 1983, leg. E. Heiss (MNHG).

♂♀ *Halodromus patellidens* (Levy, 1977)

Halodromus patellidens (Levy, 1977) - Muster, 2009: 66-69, f. 13, 33-36 (T♂♀ from Ebo), Material examined. Saudi Arabia: Eastern Province: 1♀, Al-Khobar, 26°17'N, 50°12'E, 12 January 1983, leg. E. Heiss (CTh).

Genus *Philodromus* Walckenaer, 1826

Philodromus sp. - Abd El-Wakeil *et al.* (2014): Wadi Al-Arj, Taif, Saudi Arabia.

Genus *Thanatus* C.L. Koch, 1837

Thanatus sp. - Al-Baha, leg. El-Hawagry: 1♀, 13.5.2011, Raghdan; 1j, 8.6.2011, 1s♂, 21.12.2011, Ghabet Shohba; 1♀, 5j, 22.2.2012, Al-Mekhwa.

Genus *Tibellus* Simon, 1875

♂♀ *Tibellus vossioni* Simon, 1884 (Figs. 7-11)

Al-Baha, leg. El-Hawagry: 1♂, 1.6.2011, Gebel El-Baher; 1♂, 8.6.2011, Ghabet Shohba. *Tibellus vossioni* Simon, 1884 - Van den Berg & Dippenaar-Schoeman, 1994: 112, f. 2h, 7h (♂).

Family **Pholcidae** C.L. Koch, 1850

Genus *Artema* Walckenaer, 1837

♂♀ *Artema atlanta* Walckenaer, 1837

Artema atlanta Walckenaer, 1837 - Desouky & El-Hennawy (2012): 3♂, 4♀, 1s♂, 3j, Ha'il City, 22 July 2010, N 27°32'35" E 41°42'15"; Gafar, 15 August 2010, N 27°24'58" E 41°36'15"; Hulaifa, 15 August 2010, N 25°59'38" E 40°49'01"; Samiraa, 15 August 2010, N 26°29'29" E 42°07'28".

Unidentified species. - Al-Baha, leg. El-Hawagry: 1j, 2.1.2012, Dhee Ain.

Family **Salticidae** Blackwall, 1841

Genus *Aelurillus* Simon, 1884

♂♀ *Aelurillus faragallai* Prószyński, 1993

Aelurillus faragallai n.sp. - Prószyński (1993): 29-32, figs. 1-8, Holotype: ♂, Saudi Arabia: Hada Alsham, alfalfa field, pitfalls, date not given, A.A. Faragalla, NHMB. - Paratypes: 3♂♂, 2♀♀, same data as holotype [association of ♀♀ with ♂♂ and their conspecificity uncertain]; 3♂♂, Tizan-Bayesh area. - Allotype: 1♀, same data as holotype.

Aelurillus sp. - Abd El-Wakeil *et al.* (2014): Wadi Al-Arj, Taif, Saudi Arabia.

Genus *Afraflacilla* Berland & Millot, 1941

♂♀ *Afraflacilla asorotica* (Simon, 1890)

Pseudicius asoroticus Simon, 1890 - Prószyński (1993): 48-53, figs. 41-47, Material: 1♀, here designated as Lectotype: "10775 *Ps.[eudicius] asoroticus* Ch. Othman Aden!", date not given, Simon, MNHNP. - 4♂♂, 5♀♀, 4 immature specimens, here designated as Paralectotypes: "10775 *Ps.[etrdicius] asoroticus* Ch. Othman Aden!", date not given, Simon, MNHNP. - Comparative material: 2♂♂, 2♀♀ of *Pseudicius wadis* Prószyński, 1989 (separated from a series of specimens labelled: "10775 *Ps.[eudicius] asoroticus* Ch. Othman Aden!"), date not given, Simon, MNHNP.

Pseudicius asoroticus - Prószyński (2003): 148-149, f. 628-629 (♀), Saudi Arabia.

♂♀ *Afraflacilla wadis* (Prószyński, 1989)

Pseudicius wadis n.sp. - Prószyński (1989): 57-59, figs. 64-68, Material: Saudi Arabia: Holotype: ♂ Wadi Yamaniyah, 1100 m, 31.III.1980, W. Büttiker. - Paratypes: 1♀, (allotype), 2♂♂ (=♂ # 3). 3♀♀, Wadi Yamaniyah, 1100 m, 31.III.1980, W. Büttiker; 1♀, Kushm Dibi, 20.IV.1978, W. Büttiker; 1♀, Wadi Karrar, 10.II.1980; 1♂, Wadi ad Dilla, 550 m, 17.X.1979, W. Büttiker; 1♂, Sanam, 26.VIII.1980, W. Büttiker; 1♂, Wadi Thamamah, 9.XI.1979, W. Büttiker; 1♂, Wadi Majarish, 3.V.1984, W. Büttiker. All NHMB and in coll. J. Prószyński.

Genus *Bianor* Peckham & Peckham, 1886

Bianor sp. - Prószyński (1989): 32-33, figs. 1-2, 1♀, Saudi Arabia: Hakimah. 15.-18.11.1980, W. Büttiker, NHMB.

Bianor sp. - Prószyński (1993): 33, ♀ = the same of 1989 paper, Material: Saudi Arabia: 1♀, Western Region, Khulais valley, pitfall traps, date not given, A.A. Faragalla, NHMB. The same species was collected by Prof. W. Büttiker from Hakimah (Prószyński 1989: 32, figs. 1-2). It is probably *Bianor albobimaculatus* (Lucas, 1846), but further revisionary study is needed.

Genus *Habrocestum* Simon, 1876

♀ *Habrocestum arabicum* Prószyński, 1989

Only in Saudi Arabia

Habrocestum arabicum n.sp. - Prószyński (1989): 33-34, figs. 3-4, Material, Holotype ♀: Saudi Arabia: Wadi Zein, 5.11.1979, W. Büttiker, NHMB.

Genus *Heliophanillus* Prószyński, 1989

♂♀ *Heliophanillus fulgens* (O.P.-Cambridge, 1872)

Heliophanillus arabicus n.sp. - Prószyński (1989): 35-37, figs. 9-11, Material, Holotype: ♂, Saudi Arabia: Riyadh, 4.XII. 1979. A. S.Talhok, NHMB.

Genus *Heliophanus* C.L. Koch, 1833

♂♀ *Heliophanus saudis* Prószyński, 1989

Heliophanus (Heliocapensis) saudis n.sp. - Prószyński (1989): 35, 37, figs. 5-8, Material, Holotype: ♂, Saudi Arabia: Thanomah, 1950 m, 11.IV.1980, W. Büttiker, NHMB.

Heliophanus saudis - Al-Baha, leg. El-Hawagry: 2♂, 14.3.2012, W. Turabet Zahran.

Genus *Langona* Simon, 1901

♂♀ *Langona pallida* Prószyński, 1993

Langona pallida n.sp. - Prószyński (1993): 33-35, figs. 9-11, Holotype: ♂ (with palp separated), Saudi Arabia: Hada Alsham, alfalfa field, pitfall, date not given, A.A. Faragalla, NHMB. - Paratype: 1♂, same data as holotype.

Genus *Menemerus* Simon, 1868

♂♀ *Menemerus animatus* O.P.-Cambridge, 1876

Menemerus animatus O.P.-Cambridge, 1876 - Prószyński (1993): 35-37, figs. 12-15, Material: Saudi Arabia: 1♂, Western Region, Khulais valley, pitfall traps, date not given, A.A. Faragalla, NHMB.

♂ *Menemerus arabicus* Prószyński, 1993

Only in Saudi Arabia

Menemerus arabicus n.sp. - Prószyński (1993): 37-39, figs. 16-19, Holotype: ♂, Western Region, Khulais valley, pitfall traps, date not given, A.A. Faragalla, NHMB.

♂♀ *Menemerus fagei* Berland & Millot, 1941

Menemerus cf. *bivittatus* (Dufour, 1831) - Prószyński (1989): 37-39, figs. 12-17, Material: Saudi Arabia: 1♂, 4♀♀, Riyadh, 5.-15.XII. 1979, A.S. Talhouk, NHMB; 1♂, Al Khardi, 2.I.1980, A.S. Talhouk, NHMB.

Genus *Mogrus* Simon, 1882

♂♀ *Mogrus fulvovittatus* Simon, 1882

Mogrus fulvovittatus Simon, 1882 - Prószyński (1989): 41-42, figs. 21-22, Material: 1♂, Saudi Arabia: Wadi Phi Khul, Jebel, 20.II.1980, W. Büttiker, NHMB.

♂♀ *Mogrus mathisi* (Berland & Millot, 1941)

Mogrus dillae n.sp. - Prószyński (1989): 40, figs. 18-20, Material: Holotype: ♀, Saudi Arabia: Wadi ad Dilla, 550 m, 17.X.1979, W. Büttiker, NHMB.

♂♀ *Mogrus mirabilis* Wesolowska & van Harten, 1994

Mogrus mirabilis Wesolowska & van Harten, 1994 - Logunov, 2004: 88, f. 8-14 (♀, D♂), Distribution. .. Saudi Arabia.

Mogrus mirabilis Wesolowska & van Harten, 1994 - Desouky & El-Hennawy (2012): 1♂, Mo'Arrash, 1 June 2010, N 25°59'31" E 40°58'15".

♀ *Mogrus sinaicus* Prószyński, 2000

Mogrus sinaicus sp.n. - Prószyński, 2000: 255-256, f. 89-92 (D♀), Paratype: 1♀ (NHM), "Mogrus sp. 1", Saudi Arabia, Khasm Khafs, 6.IV.1980, leg. W. Büttiker.

Mogrus sinaicus Prószyński, 2000 - Prószyński, 2003: 105-107, f. 401, 433-435 (♀), Saudi Arabia - Khasm Khafs.

Genus *Myrmarachne* MacLeay, 1839

♂♀ *Myrmarachne tristis* (Simon, 1882)

Myrmarachne tristis (Simon, 1882) - Prószyński (1989): 44-47, figs. 37-43, Material: 1♂, Saudi Arabia: Wadi ad Dilla, 550 m, 17.X.1979, W. Büttiker, NHMB. (+ numerous immature specimens).

Genus *Neaetha* Simon, 1884

♂♀ *Neaetha oculata* (O.P.-Cambridge, 1876)

Neaetha oculata (O.P.-Cambridge, 1876) - Prószyński (1993): 39-43, figs. 20-27, Material: Saudi Arabia: 1♂, Hada Alsham, alfalfa field, pitfall and sweeping, date not given, A.A. Faragalla, NHMB.

Neaetha oculata - Abd El-Wakeil *et al.* (2014): Wadi Al-Arj, Taif, Saudi Arabia.

Genus *Pellenes* Simon, 1876

♂ *Pellenes hadaensis* Prószyński, 1993

Only in Saudi Arabia

Pellenes hadaensis n.sp. - Prószyński (1993): 43-44, figs. 28-31, Holotype: ♂, Saudi Arabia: Hada Alsham, alfalfa field, pitfall and sweeping, date not given, A.A. Faragalla, NHMB.

♂♀ *Pellenes hedjazensis* Prószyński, 1993

Pellenes heqazensis n.sp. - Prószyński (1993): 44-46, figs. 32-36, Holotype: ♂ (specimen with distinct dark abdominal stripes), Saudi Arabia: Hijaz region, Jeddah area, VIII.1985-IV.1986, A.A. Faragalla, AMNH. - Paratypes : 2♂♂, same data as holotype.

Genus *Plexippoides* Prószyński, 1984

♂♀ *Plexippoides flavescens* (O.P.-Cambridge, 1872)

Plexippoides arabicus n.sp. - Prószyński (1989): 47-49, figs. 44-45, Material: Holotype: 1♂, Saudi Arabia: Sharoura, 27.III.1979, A.S.Talhok & W. Büttiker, NHMB. - Paratypes: 1♂, Saudi Arabia, Al Khardi, 2.I.1980, A. S.Talhok & W. Büttiker, coll. J. Prószyński.

Genus *Plexippus* C.L. Koch, 1846

♂♀ *Plexippus paykulli* (Audouin, 1825)

Plexippus paykulli (Savigny & Audouin, 1827) - Prószyński (1993): 47, Material: Saudi Arabia: 2♀♀, Western Region, Khulais village, old house, date not given; 1♂, Jeddah, Nissan office, date not given; 2♂♂, Rehab district, date not given. All A.A. Faragalla, NHMB.

Plexippus sp.? - Desouky & El-Hennawy (2012): 1j(s♀); 1♀; 1j Unidentified species, Om Sanman, 25 May 2010, N 40°53'35" E 28°07'12"; Aga Mountain, 1 August 2011, N 27°28'10" E 40°15'05".

Genus *Pseudicius* Simon, 1885

♂♀ *Pseudicius braunsi* Peckham & Peckham, 1903

Pseudicius tripunctatus n.sp. - Prószyński (1989): 53-54, figs. 53-55, Material: Holotype: ♀, Saudi Arabia: Ash Sharayi, 24.IX.1978, W. Büttiker, NHMB.

♀ *Pseudicius sheherezadae* Prószyński, 1989

Pseudicius sheherezadae n.sp. - Prószyński (1989): 49-50, figs. 46-47, Material: Holotype: ♀, Saudi Arabia: Thanomah, 2140 m, 11.IV.1980, W. Büttiker, NHMB.

♂ *Pseudicius shirinae* Prószyński, 1989

Only in Saudi Arabia

Pseudicius shirinae n.sp. - Prószyński (1989): 50-51, figs. 48-49, Material: Holotype: ♂, Saudi Arabia: Wadi Harth. 28.IX.1978, W. Büttiker, NHMB.

♂ *Pseudicius sindbadi* Prószyński, 1989

Only in Saudi Arabia

Pseudicius sindbadi n.sp. - Prószyński (1989) 51-52, figs. 50-52, Material: Holotype: ♂, Saudi Arabia: Thanomah, 2140 m, 11.IV.1980, W. Büttiker, NHMB. - Paratypes: 1♂, same data, coll. J. Prószyński; 1 juv., same data, coll. J. Prószyński.

♂♀ *Pseudicius tamaricis* Simon, 1885

Pseudicius tamaricis Simon, 1885 - Prószyński (1989): 53-57, figs. 56-63, Material: Saudi Arabia: 5♂♂, 2♀♀, 3 juv., Hofuf, 21.V.1980, A.S. Talhouk; 1♂, Riyadh, 5.XII.1979, A.S. Talhouk; 1♀, 1 juv., Jebel an Nir, 990 m, 12.IX.1979, W. Büttiker, NHMB.

Genus *Stenaelurillus* Simon, 1886

Stenaelurillus sp. - Prószyński (1993): 47, Material: Saudi Arabia: 1♂ (both palps missing), Hada Alsham, alfalfa field, pitfall and sweeping, date not given, A.A. Faragalla, NHMB.

Genus *Thyene* Simon, 1885

♂♀ *Thyene imperialis* (Rossi, 1846)

Thyene imperialis (Rossi, 1846) - Prószyński (1989): 59-63, figs. 69-72, Material: Saudi Arabia: 11♂♂, 8♀♀, Riyadh; 25.IX. 1978, 10.II., 13.,25.XI., 1,4.,5.,12.,15.,16.XII.1979, 12.II.1980, AI Khardj, 19.1.1980, A.S. Talhouk, NHMB; 1♂, Bani Sharfa, 12. II.1980, W. Büttiker, NHMB; 1♂, Hofuf, 3.I.1980, W. Büttiker, NHMB; 1♀, Riyadh, 20.VIII.1981, W. Büttiker, NHMB.

Thyene imperialis (Rossi, 1846) - Prószyński (1993): 48, Material: Saudi Arabia: 3♂♂, Western Region, Khulais valley, pitfall traps, on green plant, date not given, A.A. Faragalla, NHMB.

Thyene imperialis - Al-Baha, leg. El-Hawagry: 1♂, 22.2.2012, 1♂, 1s♂, 2j, 18.4.2012, Al-Mekhwa.

Genus *Yllenus* Simon, 1868

♂♀ *Yllenus saliens* O.P.-Cambridge, 1876

Yllenus arabicus n.sp. - Prószyński (1993): 48-49, figs. 37-40, Holotype: ♂, Saudi Arabia: Hada Alsham, alfalfa field, pitfall and sweeping, date not given, A.A. Faragalla, NHMB.

Family **Scytodidae** Blackwall, 1864

Genus *Scytodes* Latreille, 1804

♂♀ *Scytodes univittata* Simon, 1882

Scytodes univittata - Abd El-Wakeil *et al.* (2014): Wadi Al- Arj, Taif, Saudi Arabia.

Scytodes sp. - Desouky & El-Hennawy (2012): 2j Rujama Village, 13 August 2011, N 27°56'40" E 42°07'12".

Family **Selenopidae** Simon, 1897

Genus **Selenops** Latreille, 1819

Selenops sp. - Desouky & El-Hennawy (2012): 1♀ 1j, Ash-Shuwayms, 30 July 2010, N 26°13'13" E 40°24'17".

Family **Sicariidae** Keyserling, 1880

Genus **Loxosceles** Heineken & Lowe, 1832

♂♀ **Loxosceles rufescens** (Dufour, 1820)

Loxosceles rufescens (Dufour, 1820) - Desouky & El-Hennawy (2012): 2♂, Rujama Village, 13 August 2011, N 27°56'40" E 42°07'12".

Family **Sparassidae** Bertkau, 1872

Genus **Cebrennus** Simon, 1880

♂♀ **Cebrennus aethiopicus** Simon, 1880

Cebrennus aethiopicus Simon, 1880 - Jäger, 2000: 176-178, f. 49-55 (♂, D♀), Material examined: 1 male (PJ 1348, with label: Saudi Arabien, W. Büttiker / Jeddah [= Gidda, Djidda], 31.I.1984 / Sparassidae male [Heteropodidae]). 1 female (PJ 1349, with label: Saudi Arabien, W. Büttiker / Wadi Hanaq, 100 m, 10.II.1984, 22°49'N, 39°22'E/ female Heteropodidae, g[enus]. ?, det. J.A. Murphy 1988.). 1 female (PJ 1350, with label: Saudi Arabien, W. Büttiker / Harithi, 20./21. [?] 1985, 21°18'N, 40°18'E/ female Heteropodidae, g[enus]. ?, det. J.A. Murphy 1988.). [Formerly dried out; no measurements were taken], all NHMB.

♂ **Cebrennus intermedius** Jäger, 2000

Only in Saudi Arabia

Cebrennus intermedius sp.n. - Jäger, 2000: 178-179, f. 61-67 (D♂), Type material. 1 male holotype (PJ 1365, with label: Chicago Nat. Hist. Museum, 3 spiders, Dhahran, opp. Bahrein Is., Saudi Arabia, Col. + pres. by T.C. Barger + L.M. Snyder, Rec'd IV:5:44), 2 males paratypes (PJ 1366, 1367, with same data as holotype) FMNH (PJ 1365, 1366), SMF (PJ 1367).

Genus **Cerbalus** Simon, 1897

Cerbalus sp. ? - Desouky & El-Hennawy (2012): 1♂, 2j, NADEC Co, 1 June 2010, N 27°30'16" E 42°40'15".

Genus **Eusparassus** Simon, 1903

♂♀ **Eusparassus arabicus** Moradmand, 2013

Eusparassus arabicus spec. nov. - Moradmand, 2013: 19-23, f. 7a-e, 8a-c, 47d-e, 59e-f (D♂♀), Type material. Holotype: male, Saudi Arabia: *Mintaqat ar Riyad*: Wadi Mizbil [N 24° 30', E 46° 25'], 13 April 1977, W. Büttiker leg. (NMB-ARAN 20666). Paratypes (4♂♂, 1♀): Saudi Arabia: 1♂, same data as for holotype (SMF); *Mintaqat al Hail*: 1♀, Wadi Naqben [in Jebel Aja Mountain], N 27°41', E 41°38', 1050 m, 27 May 1981, W. Büttiker leg. (NMB-ARAN 20667); *Mintaqat Makkah*: 1♂, Abha, Asir Mountains, 2200 m, April 1977, Dr. C. Lowe leg. (NHM); 1♂, Abulat Island, Red Sea, "Mission de la Calypso Mer Rouge 1952", Cherbounier leg. (MNHN).

♂♀ **Eusparassus laevatus** (Simon, 1897) (Figs. 12-14)

Eusparassus laevatus (Simon, 1897) comb. nov. - Moradmand, 2013: 16-19, f. 4a-c, 5a-e, 6a-d, 47a-c, 59c-d (T♂ from *Olios*, D♂), 1♂, Arabian, A.B. Derewal leg. (NHM 99.12.2.16); *Al Bahah*: 1♂, Bani Sar, 29 February–7 March 1984, W. Büttiker leg. (NMB); 2♂♂, 1♀, An-Namas, 17 April 1980, 2380 m, W. Büttiker leg. (NMB); 1♂, 1♀,

An-Namas, 19 September 1980, 2380 m, W. Büttiker leg. (NMB); 1♀, Wadi Damad, 800 m, 24 September 1981, W. Büttiker leg. (NMB).

Eusparassus laevatus - Al-Baha, leg. El-Hawagry: 1♀, 13.5.2011, Raghdan.

♂♀ *Eusparassus walckenaeri* (Audouin, 1825)

Eusparassus walckenaeri (Audouin, 1825) - Desouky & El-Hennawy (2012): 2♀, 3j, Gulaib, 29 April 2010, N 28°36'40" E 42°24'34"; Ha'il City, 29 April 2010, N 27°33'11" E 41°41'11"; Setehat Juppa, 29 April 2010, N 27°58'18" E 40°49'13"; Great Nofod, 1 June 2010, N 27°39'25" E 40°57'54"; NADEC Co, 1 June 2010, N 27°30'16" E 42°40'15". [This species may be misidentified. The studied specimens may belong to *Eusparassus arabicus*. See note 4, p. 43.]

Family **Theraphosidae** Thorell, 1869

Genus *Chaetopelma* Ausserer, 1871

♂♀ *Chaetopelma olivaceum* (C.L. Koch, 1841)

Chaetopelma olivaceum (C.L. Koch 1841) - Guadanucci & Gallon, 2008: 36-39, f. 1-10 (♂♀, S), Additional material examined: Saudi Arabia: 1♂2♀ (SMF 2661) E. Rüppell leg.

Unidentified species. - Desouky & El-Hennawy (2012): 1j, Rujama Village, 13 August 2011, N 27°56'40" E 42°07'12".

Family **Theridiidae** Sundevall, 1833

Genus *Latrodectus* Walckenaer, 1805

♂♀ *Latrodectus dahli* Levi, 1959

Latrodectus dahli Levi, 1959 - Knoflach & van Harten (2002): 334 - Saudi Arabia: 1♀, Riyadh surroundings, 24°43'N 46°45'E, 600 m, X.1976, W. Büttiker, NHMB; 1♀, al-Khardji, 19.I.1980, A.M. Talhouk, NHMB; 1♀, 35 km NE of Dawadimi, 810 m, III.1983, W. Büttiker, NHMB.

♂♀ *Latrodectus geometricus* C.L. Koch, 1841

Latrodectus geometricus C.L. Koch, 1841 - Knoflach & van Harten (2002): 340 - Saudi Arabia: 1 juv. ♀, Wadi ad-Dilla, 550 m, 17.X.1979, W. Büttiker, NHMB.

♂♀ *Latrodectus renivulvatus* Dahl, 1902

Latrodectus renivulvatus Dahl, 1902 - Knoflach & van Harten (2002): 353 - Saudi Arabia: 1♀, Riyadh, 24°43'N 46°45'E, 600 m, 24.V.1981, W. Büttiker, NHMB; 1♀, BAC Camp, Khamis Mushayt, 18°18'N 42°48'E, 2000 m, 14.IV.1980, W. Büttiker, NHMB.

♂♀ *Latrodectus tredecimguttatus* (Rossi, 1790)

Latrodectus tredecimguttatus (Rossi, 1790) - Desouky & El-Hennawy (2012): 2♀, 1s♀, Salma Mountain, 25 May 2010, N 42°35'15" E 27°15'02"; Aga Mountain, 21 August 2010, N 27°31'20" E 40°16'02".

Genus *Paidiscura* Archer, 1950

♂♀ *Paidiscura dromedaria* (Simon, 1880)

Paidiscura dromedaria (Simon, 1880) - Knoflach & Thaler, 2000: 429-431, f. 30, 33, 36, 41-43, 58 (♂♀, S), Saudi Arabia: Dhahram, Al Khobar, sand dune, 1♀ 5.6.1982, leg. Heiss. Wadi Nimar 21°08'N/40°58'E 1500 m, 1♀ juv NMB 19.-20.5.1983, leg. Büttiker.

Genus *Steatoda* Sundevall, 1833

♂♀ *Steatoda paykulliana* (Walckenaer, 1805)

Steatoda paykulliana - Abd El-Wakeil *et al.* (2014): Wadi Al-Arj, Taif, Saudi Arabia.

Genus *Theridion* Walckenaer, 1805

♀ *Theridion spinitarse* O.P.-Cambridge, 1876

Theridion spinitarse O.P.-Cambridge, 1876 - Knoflach, Rollard & Thaler, 2009: 256-257, f. 78-79 (♀), Saudi Arabia: Wadi Karrar, 3♀ (NHMB), 10.2.1980, leg. W. Büttiker.

Unidentified species. Al-Baha, leg. El-Hawagry: 1♀, 17.5.2012, Rhaghdan.

Family **Thomisidae** Sundevall, 1833

Genus *Ansiea* Lehtinen, 2005

♂♀ *Ansiea buettikeri* (Dippenaar-Schoeman, 1989)

Only in Saudi Arabia

Misumena buettikeri n.sp. - Dippenaar-Schoeman, 1989: 27-29, f. 7a-d (D♂♀), Holotype: ♂, Saudi Arabia: Wadi Majarish, 7.-18.II.1980, W. Büttiker, NHMB. – Paratypes: 2♀♀, Saudi Arabia: Wadi Majarish, 7. & 10.II.1980, W. Büttiker, NHMB.

Genus *Oxyptila* Simon, 1864

♂♀ *Oxyptila rigida* (O.P.-Cambridge, 1872)

Oxyptila rigida (O. Pickard-Cambridge, 1872) - Dippenaar-Schoeman, 1989: 26, f. 5 (♀), Saudi Arabia: 1♀, Al Dehaba, 10.X.1979, W. Büttiker.

Genus *Runcinia* Simon, 1875

♂♀ *Runcinia grammica* (C.L. Koch, 1837) (Figs. 15-18)

Runcinia grammica - Al-Baha, leg. El-Hawagry: 1♂, 2s♂, 11j, 22.2.2012, 1♂, 3j, 18.4.2012, Al-Mekhwa.

Genus *Synema* Simon, 1864

♂♀ *Synema diana* (Audouin, 1825)

Synaema diana (Audouin, 1826) - Dippenaar-Schoeman, 1989: 30, f. 8 (♂), Saudi Arabia: 1♂, 4 juveniles, Wadi Hanifa, 7.V.1976, W. Büttiker; 1 juvenile, Bani Rizam, 12.IV.1980, W. Büttiker; 1 juvenile, Thanomah, 2140 m alt, 11.IV.1980, W. Büttiker; 1 juvenile, Wadi Khumra, 6.IX.1976, W. Büttiker; 2 juveniles, Wadi Majarish, 10.II.1980, W. Büttiker; 2 juveniles, Wadi Mizbil, 25.II.1977, W. Büttiker; 1 juvenile, Wadi Shija (desert), 4.XI.1976, W. Büttiker.

Synema sp. - Al-Baha, leg. El-Hawagry: 1j, 22.2.2012, Al-Mekhwa.

Genus *Thomisus* Walckenaer, 1805

♂♀ *Thomisus arabicus* Simon, 1882

Thomisus arabicus Simon, 1882 - Dippenaar-Schoeman & van Harten, 2007: 173, f. 5-6 (♀), Distribution. .. Saudi Arabia.

♂♀ *Thomisus bidentatus* Kulczyński, 1901

Thomisus bidentatus Kulczyński, 1901 - Dippenaar-Schoeman, 1989: 22-23, f. 1 (♂), Saudi Arabia: 1♂, Wadi Majarish, 7.-18.II.1980, W. Büttiker.

Thomisus bidentatus - Al-Baha, leg. El-Hawagry: 1♂, 2s♂, 1s♀, 4j, 1.6.2011, 1s♀, 25.5.2011, Gebel El-Baher; 1s♀, 13.5.2011, Rhaghdan; 2s♀, 13j, 14.3.2012, W. Turabet Zahran.

♂♀ *Thomisus citrinellus* Simon, 1875

Thomisus citrinellus Simon, 1875 - Dippenaar-Schoeman, 1989: 23, f. 2a-b (♂♀), Saudi Arabia: 3♀♀, Riyadh, 15.XII.1979, A.S. Talhouk; 1♀, 1♂, Riyadh, 25.XII.1979, A.S. Talhouk; 3♀♀, Riyadh, 4.XII.1979, A.S. Talhouk; 4♀♀, Al Khardj, 19.I.1980, A.S. Talhouk; 1♀, Wadi Majarish, 250 m alt, 7.IV.1980, W. Büttiker.

♂♀ *Thomisus daradioides* Simon, 1890

Thomisus daradioides Simon, 1890 - Dippenaar-Schoeman & van Harten, 2007: 177-179, f. 16-18 (♂♀), p.179 Distribution. .. Saudi Arabia.

♂♀ *Thomisus zyuzini* Marusik & Logunov, 1990

T. onustus Dippenaar-Schoeman, 1989: 24, f. 3a-b (♂♀, misidentified), Saudi Arabia: 1♂, Riyadh (radio station), 18.II.1975, W. Büttiker; 1♀, Riyadh, 25.IX.1978, A.S. Talhouk; 1♂, Wadi Shaib Luha, 15.I.1977, W. Büttiker; 1♀, 1 immature ♀, Wadi Hanifa, 7.V.1976, W. Büttiker; 1♂, Wadi Durmah, 27.IV.1976, W. Büttiker & W. Wittmer; 1♂, Chureis, 3.VI.1976, W. Büttiker.

Thomisus zyuzini Marusik & Logunov, 1990 - Marusik & Logunov, 1995: 144-145, f. 19-20 (D♂), Distribution. ..Saudi Arabia.

Genus *Tmarus* Simon, 1875

♂♀ *Tmarus longicaudatus* Millot, 1942

Tmarus longicaudatus Millot, 1942 - Dippenaar-Schoeman, 1989: 24-25, f. 4a-c (♀), Saudi Arabia: 1♀, Wadi Hanifa, 7.V.1976, W. Büttiker; 1 juvenile, Wadi Mizbil, 25.II.1977, W. Büttiker; 3 juveniles, Wadi Mizbil, 10.-11.VI.1976, W. Büttiker; 1 juvenile, Quwayiyah, 2.-13.III.1978, W. Büttiker; 1 immature ♀, 2 juveniles, Wadi Khumra, 21.I.1977, W. Büttiker; 1 juvenile, Wadi Khumra, 9.-10.IX.1976, W. Büttiker; 1 juvenile, Wadi Tabala, 20.X.1979, W. Büttiker; 1 juvenile, Wadi Wajj (18 km SW of Taif) 1800 m alt, 5.X.1979, W. Büttiker.

Genus *Xysticus* C.L. Koch, 1835

♂♀ *Xysticus tristrami* (O.P.-Cambridge, 1872)

Xysticus tristrami (O. Pickard-Cambridge, 1872) - Dippenaar-Schoeman, 1989: 27, f. 6a-b (♂♀), Saudi Arabia: 1♀, village Qaraah, 2000 m alt, 16.IV.1976, W. Büttiker & W. Wittmer; 1♂, BAC Camp Khamis Mushayt, 2000 m alt, 15.XI.1977, W. Büttiker; 1♂, Namas, 2330 m alt, II.1981, G. Vogel.

Family **Uloboridae** Thorell, 1869

Genus *Uloborus* Latreille, 1806

Uloborus sp. - Abd El-Wakeil *et al.* (2014): Wadi Al-Arj, Taif, Saudi Arabia.

Family **Zodariidae** Thorell, 1881

Genus *Lachesana* Strand, 1932

♂ *Lachesana insensibilis* Jocqué, 1991

Only in Saudi Arabia

Lachesana insensibilis n.sp. - Jocqué, 1991: 37-39, f. 59 (D♂), Type Material: Holotype male: Saudi Arabia, Khulais Valley, N of Jeddah, 1987, pitfall, A. Faragalla (MRAC 169818).

Genus *Trygetus* Simon, 1882

♀ *Trygetus riyadhensis* Ono & Jocqué, 1986

Trygetus riyadhensis n.sp. - Ono & Jocqué, 1986: 9-10, f. 5-7 (D♀), Material: Holotype: ♀, Saudi Arabia: Wire-less Station, Riyadh, 18.II.1975, W. Büttiker, NHMB 2360.

Genus *Zodarion* Walckenaer, 1826

♂♀ *Zodarion buettikeri* (Ono & Jocqué, 1986)

Only in Saudi Arabia

Acanthozodium buettikeri n.sp. - Ono & Jocqué, 1986: 7-9, f. 1-4 (D♂♀), Material: Holotype: ♀, Saudi Arabia: Wadi Khumra, 60 km NW of Riyadh, 16.XI.1979, W. Büttiker, NHMB 2359a. - Paratypes: 1♂, same locality as holotype, 19.XI.1977, W. Büttiker, NHMB 2359b; 1♂, Saudi Arabia: Hieth, 40 km S of Riyadh, 13.V.1977, W. Büttiker, NHMB 2359c.

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* = endemic, only in Saudi Arabia

Family **Agelenidae** C.L. Koch, 1837

Benoitia lepida (O.P.-Cambridge, 1876)

Family **Araneidae** Clerck, 1757

Family **Corinnidae** Karsch, 1880

Family **Eresidae** C.L. Koch, 1845

Stegodyphus lineatus (Latreille, 1817)

Family **Gnaphosidae** Pocock, 1898

Micaria sp.

Poecilochroa senilis (O.P.-Cambridge, 1872)

Pterotricha dalmasi Fage, 1929

Pterotricha lesserti Dalmas, 1921

Setaphis subtilis (Simon, 1897)

Synaphosus khashm Ovtsharenko, Levy & Platnick, 1994 *

Synaphosus syntheticus (Chamberlin, 1924)

Trachyzelotes jaxartensis (Kroneberg, 1875)

Zelotes laetus (O.P.-Cambridge, 1872)

Family **Linyphiidae** Blackwall, 1859

Prinerigone vagans arabica (Jocqué, 1981) *

Lepthyphantes sp.

Mermessus sp.

Family **Lycosidae** Sundevall, 1833

Arctosa sp.

Evippa praelongipes (O.P.-Cambridge, 1870)

Hippasa sinai Alderweireldt & Jocqué, 2005

Hogna ferox (Lucas, 1838)

Ocyale pilosa (Roewer, 1960)

Pardosa sp.

Wadicosa fidelis (O.P.-Cambridge, 1872)

Family **Mimetidae** Simon, 1881

Family **Miturgidae** Simon, 1886

Cheiracanthium molle L. Koch, 1875

Family **Oecobiidae** Blackwall, 1862

Oecobius sp.

Uroctea sp.

Family **Oonopidae** Simon, 1890

Family **Oxyopidae** Thorell, 1870

Oxyopes sp.

Peucetia sp.

Family **Palpimanidae** Thorell, 1870

Family **Philodromidae** Thorell, 1870

Halodromus barbarae Muster, 2009

Halodromus patellidens (Levy, 1977)

Philodromus sp.

Thanatus sp.

Tibellus vossioni Simon, 1884

Family **Pholcidae** C.L. Koch, 1850

Artema atlanta Walckenaer, 1837

Family **Salticidae** Blackwall, 1841

Aelurillus faragallai Prószyński, 1993

Afraflacilla asorotica (Simon, 1890)

Afraflacilla wadis (Prószyński, 1989)

Bianor sp.

Habrocestum arabicum Prószyński, 1989 *

Heliophanillus fulgens (O.P.-Cambridge, 1872)

Heliophanus saudis Prószyński, 1989

Langona pallida Prószyński, 1993

Menemerus animatus O.P.-Cambridge, 1876

Menemerus arabicus Prószyński, 1993 *

Menemerus fagei Berland & Millot, 1941

Mogrus fulvovittatus Simon, 1882

Mogrus mathisi (Berland & Millot, 1941)

Mogrus mirabilis Wesolowska & van Harten, 1994

Mogrus sinaicus Prószyński, 2000

Myrmarachne tristis (Simon, 1882)

Neaetha oculata (O.P.-Cambridge, 1876)

Pellenes hadaensis Prószyński, 1993 *

Pellenes hedjazensis Prószyński, 1993

Plexippoides flavescens (O.P.-Cambridge, 1872)

Plexippus paykulli (Audouin, 1825)

Pseudicius braunsi Peckham & Peckham, 1903

Pseudicius sheherezadeae Prószyński, 1989
Pseudicius sindbadi Prószyński, 1989 *
Stenaelurillus sp.
Yllenus saliens O.P.-Cambridge, 1876
 Family **Scytodidae** Blackwall, 1864
 Family **Selenopidae** Simon, 1897
 Family **Sicariidae** Keyserling, 1880
 Family **Sparassidae** Bertkau, 1872
Cebrennus aethiopicus Simon, 1880
Cerbalus sp.
Eusparassus laevatus (Simon, 1897)
 Family **Theraphosidae** Thorell, 1869
 Family **Theridiidae** Sundevall, 1833
Latrodectus geometricus C.L. Koch, 1841
Latrodectus tredecimguttatus (Rossi, 1790)
Steatoda paykulliana (Walckenaer, 1805)
 Family **Thomisidae** Sundevall, 1833
Ozyptila rigida (O.P.-Cambridge, 1872)
Synema diana (Audouin, 1825)
Thomisus bidentatus Kulczyński, 1901
Thomisus daradioides Simon, 1890
Tmarus longicaudatus Millot, 1942
 Family **Uloboridae** Thorell, 1869
 Family **Zodariidae** Thorell, 1881
Trygetus riyadhensis Ono & Jocqué, 1986

Pseudicius shirinae Prószyński, 1989 *
Pseudicius tamaricis Simon, 1885
Thyene imperialis (Rossi, 1846)
Scytodes univittata Simon, 1882
Selenops sp.
Loxosceles rufescens (Dufour, 1820)
Cebrennus intermedius Jäger, 2000 *
Eusparassus arabicus Moradmand, 2013
Eusparassus walckenaeri (Audouin, 1825)
Chaetopelma olivaceum (C.L. Koch, 1841)
Latrodectus dahli Levi, 1959
Latrodectus renivulvatus Dahl, 1902
Paidiscura dromedaria (Simon, 1880)
Theridion spinitarse O.P.-Cambridge, 1876
Ansiea buettikeri (Dippenaar-Schoeman, 1989)*
Runcinia grammica (C.L. Koch, 1837)
Thomisus arabicus Simon, 1882
Thomisus citrinellus Simon, 1875
Thomisus zyuzini Marusik & Logunov, 1990
Xysticus tristrami (O.P.-Cambridge, 1872)
Uloborus sp.
Lachesana insensibilis Jocqué, 1991 *
Zodarion buettikeri (Ono & Jocqué, 1986) *

Family	Genera	Species	Endemic
AGELENIDAE	1	1	-
ARANEIDAE	-	-	-
CORINNIDAE	-	-	-
ERESIDAE	1	1	-
GNAPHOSIDAE	7	8	1
LINYPHIIDAE	3	1	1
LYCOSIDAE	7	5	-
MIMETIDAE	-	-	-
MITURGIDAE	1	1	-
OECOBIIDAE	2	-	-
OONOPIDAE	-	-	-
OXYOPIDAE	2	-	-
PALPIMANIDAE	-	-	-
PHILODROMIDAE	4	3	-
PHOLCIDAE	1	1	-
SALTICIDAE	18	27	5
SCYTODIDAE	1	1	-
SELENOPIIDAE	1	-	-
SICARIIDAE	1	1	-
SPARASSIDAE	3	5	1
THERAPHOSIDAE	1	1	-
THERIDIIDAE	4	7	-
THOMISIDAE	7	11	1

ULOBORIDAE	1	-	-
ZODARIIDAE	3	3	2
Total 25	69	77	11

Key to spider families recorded from Saudi Arabia *

All Saudi Arabian spiders belong to Opisthothelae [abdomen not segmented; spinnerets are on posterior end of abdomen].

1. Two pairs of booklungs; fangs closing in longitudinal axis ... Mygalomorphae Theraphosidae
- . One pair of booklungs or absent; fangs closing in transverse axis ... Araneomorphae .. 2
2. Cribellum and calamistrum present, sometimes absent in males .. Cribellate spiders .. 3
- . Cribellum and calamistrum absent Ecribellate spiders 5
3. Anal tubercle large, two-jointed with fringe of long curved setae Oecobiidae (Oecobiinae)
- . Anal tubercle normal, a single segment 4
4. Femora with rows of long trichobothria; metatarsi IV compressed and curved under line of calamistrum; first pair of legs clearly longer than second pair Uloboridae
- . Femora without rows of long trichobothria; metatarsi IV not compressed and curved; first pair of legs not longer than second pair Eresidae
5. Anal tubercle large, two-jointed with fringe of long curved setae Oecobiidae (Urocteinae)
- . Anal tubercle normal, a single segment 6
6. Six eyes 7
- . Eight eyes 9
7. Carapace domed towards thoracic region Scytodidae
- . Carapace differently shaped 8
8. Tracheal spiracles distinct, anteriorly positioned, just behind epigastric groove Oonopidae
- . Tracheal spiracle single, inconspicuous, positioned just in front of spinnerets Sicariidae
9. Tarsus with three claws 10
- . Tarsus with two claws 12
10. Posterior median eyes flat, without dome-shaped lens; endites obliquely depressed; Anterior spinnerets terminal; without long setae on spigots Gnaphosidae
- . Posterior median eyes with dome-shaped lens; endites usually not obliquely depressed 11
11. Posterior spinnerets clearly two-segmented with distal segment distinctly conical Miturgidae (in part Eutichurinae and Miturginae)
- . Posterior spinnerets with one segment only or if two-segmented, distal segment rounded Corinnidae (Trachelinae & Corinninae)

12. Anterior pair of legs much stronger than other legs; metatarsi and tibiae I with strong prolateral scopulae	Palpimanidae
- . Anterior pair of legs different	13
13. Eyes in three rows (4:2:2); anterior median eyes very large; jumping spiders	Salticidae
- . Eyes arranged differently	14
14. Legs laterigrade, directed towards sides	15
- . Legs prograde, directed forwards (I, II) and backwards (III, IV)	18
15. Flat spiders with eyes in two rows (6:2)	Selenopidae
- . Eyes differently arranged	16
16. Tarsi and metatarsi without scapulae; legs I and II usually much longer than legs III and IV	Thomisidae
- . Tarsi and sometimes metatarsi with scapulae; legs different	17
17. Small to medium-size spiders (3-16 mm); chelicerae without teeth or at most one on retromargin; tarsus-metatarsus allowing movement in one plane only	Philodromidae
- . Medium-size to large spiders (6-35 mm); chelicerae with at least two teeth (rarely one) on retromargin; membranous connection to metatarsus permits free movement of tarsus	Sparassidae
18. Tarsi with trichobothria, often in a row	19
- . Tarsi without trichobothria	22
19. Eyes either in three to four rows or in three groups	20
- . Eyes in two rows	21
20. Clypeus very high; posterior eyes and anterior lateral eyes forming a hexagonal group in front of small anterior median eyes; numerous long spines on legs	Oxyopidae
- . Clypeus not as high; eye position and setae on legs different	Lycosidae
21. Posterior spinnerets long and two-segmented; trochanters not notched	Agelenidae
- . Posterior spinnerets not particularly long or with one segment only; trochanters often notched	Zodariidae
22. Eyes in three groups, anterior median eyes apart, remainder in two triads; legs thin and long, tarsi pseudosegmented	Pholcidae
- . Eye pattern and legs different	23
23. Anterior tibiae and patellae with prolateral row of alternating long and short curved spines; chelicerae with peg teeth	Mimetidae
- . Legs without such spines	24
24. Paracymbium a separate sclerite; tarsi usually cylindrical (anterior sometimes fusiform); chelicerae often with stridulating file; small spiders (1.5-6 mm) ...	Linyphiidae
- . Paracymbium fused to cymbium or rudimentary; no cheliceral stridulating file; tarsi variable	25
25. Tarsi IV with ventral comb of serrated hairs; brownish rings around eyes; femora without spines	Theridiidae
- . Tarsi without ventral comb of serrated hairs; eyes without brownish rings	Araneidae

 * Modified from Jocqué & Dippenaar-Schoeman (2006).

Notes on four species



Figs. 1-6. *Pterotricha dalmasi* Fage, 1929
1, 3-4. Male. 2, 5-6. Female.
1-2. Habitus, dorsal view.
3-4. ♂ Palpal organ. 3. Ventral view.
4. Retrolateral view.
5. ♀ Epigynum, ventral view.
6. Ditto, another specimen.

1. *Pterotricha dalmasi* Fage, 1929 was recorded from Ha'il, Saudi Arabia by Desouky & El-Hennawy (2012). Now, it is also recorded from Ghabet Shohba and Rhaghdan (Al-Baha). It is different from *Pterotricha lesserti* Dalmas, 1921 that is recorded by Levy (1995) from Jiddah. It is known from Algeria and the Middle East (Levy, 1995; Platnick, 2014). The pictures of both male and female are included (Figs. 1-6).



Figs. 7-11. *Tibellus vossioni* Simon, 1884 ♂. 7. Habitus, dorsal view. 8. Cephalothorax, dorsal view. 9-11. Palpal organ. 9. Retrolateral view. 10-11. Ventral view.

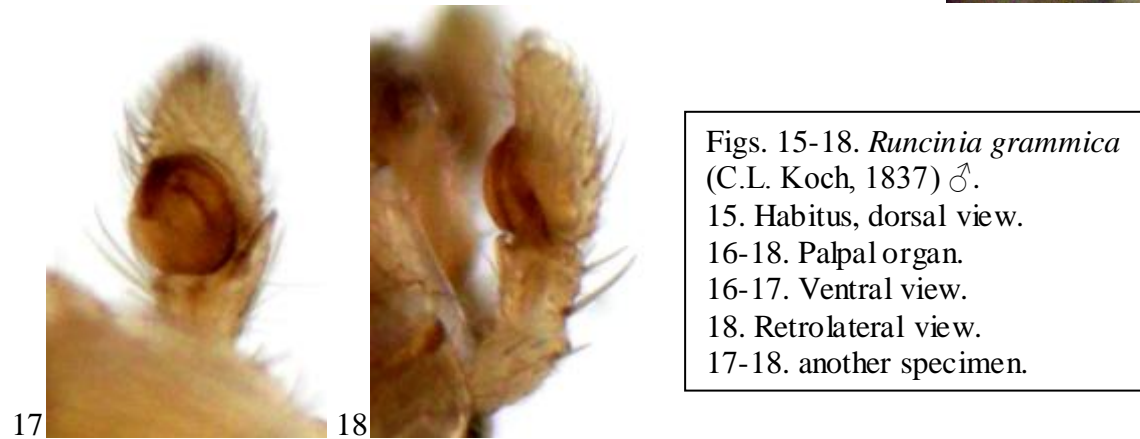
2. Genus *Tibellus* of Family Philodromidae includes 49 world wide distributed species and 2 subspecies (Platnick, 2014). The male of *Tibellus vossioni* Simon, 1884 was described from Khartoum, Sudan (Simon, 1884) and redescribed in detail by Van den Berg & Dippenaar-Schoeman (1994). Two males of this species were collected in June 2011 from Gebel El-Baher and Ghabet Shohba (Al-Baha) (Figs. 7-11). It is the first record of this species outside Africa.

3. A female of *Eusparassus laevatus* (Simon, 1897) was collected from Raghdan (Al-Baha) in May 2011 (Figs. 12-14). Its epigynum is identical with the illustrations of Moradmand (2013). *Eusparassus walckenaeri* (Audouin, 1825) was recorded by Desouky

& El-Hennawy (2012). Due to the revision of Moradmand (2013), this species may be misidentified. The studied specimens may belong to *Eusparassus arabicus*.



Figs. 12-14. *Eusparassus laevatus* (Simon, 1897), Female. 12. Cephalothorax, dorsal view. 13. Abdomen, dorsal view. 14. Epigynum, ventral view.



Figs. 15-18. *Runcinia grammica* (C.L. Koch, 1837) ♂.
 15. Habitus, dorsal view.
 16-18. Palpal organ.
 16-17. Ventral view.
 18. Retrolateral view.
 17-18. another specimen.

4. Among the 30 described species of genus *Runcinia*, *R. grammica* (C.L. Koch, 1837) of Family Thomisidae is widely distributed in the Palearctic region and southwards until South Africa (Platnick, 2014). A few specimens, including two adult males, were

collected from Al-Mekhwa (Al-Baha) in February and April 2012. The species is identified depending on Levy (1995) and photographed (Figs. 15-18).

II. Scorpions of Saudi Arabia

About five years ago, an updated list of scorpions recorded in Saudi Arabia with the distribution localities of the species and simplified identification keys to families and genera were published by El-Hennawy (2009). That list included 23 species and 3 subspecies that belong to 3 families: 18 species of 10 buthid genera, 1 hemiscorpiid species, and 4 species and 3 subspecies of 3 scorpionid genera. The history of scorpion studies in Saudi Arabia was discussed in the introduction of the same paper. Therefore, only a list of species and key to the scorpion families are here presented depending on that work which was "helpful and useful guide" to Al-Asmari *et al.* (2013). Desouky & Alshammari (2011) added further locality records in Ha'il region for their 8 studied species.

Order Scorpiones C.L.Koch, 1837 List of Saudi Arabian Scorpions

Family **Buthidae** C. L. Koch, 1837

Androctonus bicolor Ehrenberg, 1828

Androctonus crassicauda (Olivier, 1807)

Apistobuthus pterygocercus Finnegan, 1932

Buthacus buettikeri Hendrixson, 2006

Buthacus yotvatensis nigroaculeatus Levy, Amitai & Shulov, 1973

Butheolus anthracinus (Pocock, 1895)

Butheolus villosus Hendrixson, 2006

Compsobuthus arabicus Levy, Amitai & Shulov, 1973

Compsobuthus fuscatus Hendrixson, 2006

Compsobuthus longipalpis Levy, Amitai & Shulov, 1973

Compsobuthus pallidus Hendrixson, 2006

Compsobuthus setosus Hendrixson, 2006

Hottentotta jayakari jayakari (Pocock, 1895)

Leiurus jordanensis Lourenço, Modry & Amr, 2002

Leiurus quinquestriatus (Ehrenberg, 1828)

Orthochirus innesi Simon, 1910

Parabuthus leiosoma leiosoma (Ehrenberg, 1828)

Vachoniolus globimanus Levy, Amitai & Shulov, 1973

Family **Hemiscorpiidae** Pocock, 1893

Hemiscorpius arabicus Pocock, 1899

Family **Scorpionidae** Peters, 1862

Nebo hierichonticus (Simon, 1872)

Pandinus (Pandinurus) arabicus (Kraepelin, 1894)

Pandinus (Pandinurus) exitialis (Pocock, 1888)

Scorpio maurus arabicus (Pocock, 1900)

Scorpio maurus fuscus (Ehrenberg, 1829)

Scorpio maurus kruglovi Birula, 1910

Scorpio maurus sspp.

3 Families, 14 Genera, 23 Species, 3 subspecies

Key to scorpion families recorded from Saudi Arabia

1. Pedipalp patella without ventral trichobothria; sternum subtriangular; anterior margin of carapace not conspicuously notched Family **Buthidae** C. L. Koch, 1837
– Pedipalp patella with one or more ventral trichobothria; sternum subpentagonal; anterior margin of carapace with distinct notch 2
2. Metasomal segments I-IV with paired ventral submedian carinae; pedipalp chela trichobothrium **ib** located near base of fixed finger; lateroapical margins of tarsi produced into rounded lobes Family **Scorpionidae** Latreille, 1802
– Metasomal segments I-IV with single ventromedian carina; pedipalp chela trichobothrium **ib** located midway along fixed finger; lateroapical margins of tarsi straight Family **Hemiscorpiidae** Pocock, 1893

III. Pseudoscorpions of Saudi Arabia

Mahnert (1980) recorded three species of pseudoscorpions and described three new species, two of them are endemic, from Saudi Arabia. Eleven years later, he recorded seven species of pseudoscorpions and described seven new endemic species from Saudi Arabia (Mahnert, 1991). Recently, Mahnert *et al.* (2014) described another new endemic species from Saudi Arabia, *Pseudochthonius arabicus* Mahnert, 2014, recorded *Paratemnoides ellingseni* (Beier, 1932) and *Withius piger* (Simon, 1878) in addition to the two families Chthoniidae and Atemnidae for the first time from Saudi Arabia, and added further records of *Minniza monticola* Mahnert, 1991, *Rhacochelifer sonyae* Mahnert, 1991, and *Withius arabicus* Mahnert, 1980 from Saudi Arabia.

Order Pseudoscorpiones de Geer, 1778 *

Suborder Epiocheirata

Superfamily Chthonioidea

Family Chthoniidae Daday, 1888

Genus *Pseudochthonius* Balzan, 1892

Pseudochthonius arabicus Mahnert, 2014 (Endemic)

Pseudochthonius arabicus Mahnert n. sp. (Mahnert *et al.*, 2014: 388-391, Figs. 1–2).
Material examined. Holotype ♂ (MHNG), Saudi Arabia, Al Bahah, Al Mukwah, Dhi Ayn Archeological Village, 11.v.2011, 20°12'39.7"N, 41°26'30.2"E, 741 m. Paratype ♀ (KSMA), same data.

Suborder Icocheirata

Superfamily Cheliferoidea

Family Atemnidae Kishida, 1929

Subfamily Atemninae

Genus *Paratemnoides* Harvey, 1991

Paratemnoides ellingseni (Beier, 1932)

Type Locality: Baía de Maputo (as Delagoa Bay), *Maputo, Mozambique.*

Paratemnoides ellingseni (Beier, 1932) (Mahnert *et al.*, 2014: 391).

Material examined. Al Urdiyah Government, W. Qonouna, 12.V.2011, 353 m, 19°25'45.7"N, 41°36'18.1"E: 1♂ (MHNG).

Family Cheliferidae Risso, 1826

Subfamily Cheliferinae

Genus *Dactylochelifer* Beier, 1932

Dactylochelifer arabicus Mahnert, 1991

(Endemic)

Dactylochelifer arabicus n. sp., Mahnert, 1991: 195-197, figs. 66-69, Holotype: ♂, west of Mukhtayu, 20.III.1981, A. Barkham, NHMB; 1♀, Kushm al Buwaybiyat, 23.IX.1979, W. Büttiker; 6♂♂, 3♀♀, Kushm Dibi, 29.II.1980, A. Barkham; 3♂♂, 2♀♀, same locality, 30.I.1981, W. Büttiker; 1♀, Wadi Tawqi, 15.III.1980, W. Büttiker; 2♂♂, 4♀♀, same locality, 9.III.1982, A. Barkham; 1♂, 6♀♀, Wadi Al Ammariya, 7.II.1980, A. Barkham; 1♂, 3♀♀, same locality, 22.II.1980, A. Barkham; 1♀, same locality, 1.IV.1980, W. Büttiker; all NHMB, MHNG.

Genus *Rhacochelifer* Beier, 1932

Rhacochelifer barkhamae Mahnert, 1980

(Endemic)

Type Locality: Khurays (as Khureys) [25°05'N, 48°03'E], *Ash-Sharqīyah*, **Saudi Arabia.**

Rhacochelifer barkhamae n. sp., Mahnert, 1980: 45-47, figs. 36-43, Khureys, 3.VI.1979, A.M. Talhouk: 1♂ (Holotypus; Mus. Basel); Harvey, 1991: 525, Khureys; Mahnert, 1991: 194, Khureys.

Rhacochelifer longeuungiculatus Beier, 1963

Rhacochelifer longeuungiculatus Beier, 1963: Harvey, 1991: 527.

Rhacochelifer cf. *longeuungiculatus* Beier: Mahnert, 1980: 47, Wadi Khumra, 14.V.1976, W. Büttiker: 1♀; Abha Gizan, km 28, Wadi Ad Dilla, 22.IV.1976, W. Wittmer - W. Büttiker: 1 Tritonymphe [Mahnert, 1991: 193, "All specimens I recorded (1980) from Saudi Arabia ... also belong to this species."].

Rhacochelifer longeuungiculatus Beier, 1963: Mahnert, 1991: 193, 1♀, Wadi Tawqi, 25.IV.1980, W. Büttiker, MHNG.

Rhacochelifer sonyae Mahnert, 1991

(Endemic)

Rhacochelifer sonyae n. sp., Mahnert, 1991: 194-196, figs. 70-76, Holotype: ♂, Al Alayyah, 8.X.1979, NHMB. Paratypes: 3♂♂, 2♀♀, 1 protonymph, Makkah, Bani Omar, 21°06'N, 40°24'E, 1730 m, 22-24.VIII.1985; 6♂♂, 21♀♀, 12 tritonymphs, 2 deutonymphs, Harithi, 21°18'N 40°18'E; 3♂♂, 6♀♀, 1 tritonymph, same locality, 20-21.IX.1985, all W. Büttiker, NHMB, MHNG.

Rhacochelifer sonyae Mahnert, 1991 (Mahnert *et al.*, 2014: 391).

Material examined. Al Bahah, W. Elzaraeb, 9.V.2011, 2086 m, 20°04'24.3"N, 41°23'12.3"E: 1♀. Khamis Mushayt, W. Ben Hashbal, 26.IV.2011, 18°35'41.3"N, 42°39'01.3"E, 1892 m: 1♀.

Genus *Strobilochelifer* Beier, 1932

Strobilochelifer spinipalpis (Redikorzev, 1918)

Strobilochelifer grandimanus: Kut al Sayyid, Al Basrah (as Basrah), *Al Basrah*, **Iraq.**

Strobilochelifer spinipalpis (Redikorzev, 1918): Mahnert, 1980: 43-45, figs. 29-35, Hofuf, 23.V., 11.VII., 25.VII.1978, 12.VI.1979: 2♂ 3♀ 1 Tritonymphe; Hofuf, Krone und Borke einer Dattelpalme, 25.IV.1979: 4♂ 2♀ 2 Tritonymphen; Hofuf, Krone eines kleinen Baums, 2.VI.1979: 5♂ 6♀ 1 Tritonymphe, alle leg. W. Büttiker und L. Kahn; Harvey, 1991: 532; Mahnert, 1991: 192, 1♂, Wadi Fanjah, 23°27'N 58°08'E, 9.IV.1985, C. Holzschuh; 1♀, Qatif, 14-15.V.1983, C. Holzschuh; 1♂, Riyadh, 1.VIII.1982, A.S. Talhouk, NHMB.

Family **Withiidae** Chamberlin, 1931

Subfamily **Paragoniochernetinae**

Genus ***Pseudochernes*** Beier, 1954

Pseudochernes arabicus Mahnert, 1991

(Endemic)

Type Locality: Jīzān, *Jīzān* [16°53'N, 42°33'E], **Saudi Arabia.**

Pseudochernes arabicus n. sp., Mahnert, 1991: 191-192, figs. 55-59, Holotype ♂, Arabia: Jizan, 8.I.1981, W. Büttiker, NHMB.

Subfamily **Withiinae**

Genus ***Nannowithius*** Beier, 1932

Nannowithius buettikeri (Mahnert, 1980)

Type Locality: Kushm al Buwaybiyat, *Ar Riyād*, **Saudi Arabia.**

Myrmecowithius buettikeri n. sp., Mahnert, 1980: 40-42, figs., 23-28, Kushm Buwaybiyat, 25/26.V.1978, W. Büttiker: 1♂ (Holotypus; Mus. Basel), 3♀; Al Khubra, 29.V.1978, W. Büttiker: 1♀; Riyadh, 3.III.1978, A.M. Talhouk: 1♀ (Paratypen; Mus. Basel und Genf).

Nannowithius buettikeri (Mahnert): Harvey, 1991a: 648, Kushm Buwaybiyat.

Genus ***Withius*** Kew, 1911

Withius arabicus Mahnert, 1980

(Endemic)

Type Locality: Qaraah, *'Asīr*, **Saudi Arabia.**

Withius (Allowithius) arabicus n. sp., Mahnert, 1980: 36-38, figs. 10-16, Dorf Qaraah, 2000 m, 16.IV.1976, W. Wittmer - W. Büttiker: 1♂ (Holotypus; Mus. Basel), 4♂ 3♀; Wadi Marba, Khamis-Mushayt, 2050 m, 17.IV.1976; W. Wittmer - W. Büttiker: 1♂ (Paratypen; Mus. Basel und Genf).

Withius arabicus Mahnert, 1980: Harvey, 1991: 659, Dorf Qaraah; Mahnert, 1991: 192, Qaraah, Wadi Marba; Mahnert *et al.*, 2014: 392, Mahnert (1980) described the new species *Withius arabicus* from this same area, Dorf Qaraah (Al Qar'a or Al Gar'a Abha, Asir Province, 2000 m, 18.24080°N, 42.48965°E; Wadi Marba (near the Abha-Jazan road, approximately 53 km from Jazan), Khamis-Mushyat, 17.9000°N, 42.3833°E, 2050m) (Mahnert *et al.*, 2014: 392).

Withius piger (Simon, 1878)

Type Locality: *Chelif* *piger*: Bou Saâda (as Bou-Saada), *M'Sila*, Algeria.

Chelif *subruber*: Hyères, Var, *Provence-Alpes-Côtes-d'Azur*, France.

Withius piger (Simon, 1878) (Mahnert *et al.*, 2014: 392). Material examined. Al Urdiyah Government, W. Qonouna, 12.v.2011, 353 m, 19°25'45.7"N, 41°36'18.1"E: 2♂, 1 deutonymph. Al Bahah, Al Mukwah, Dhi Ayn Archeological Village, 11.v.2011, 20°12'39.7"N, 1°26'30.2"E, 741 m: 6♂, 9♀, 2 tritonymphs + 24 specimens (adults and nymphs). Al Bahah, W. Turabah, Al Mandaq, 14.v.2011, 20°12'39.7"N, 41°17'17.6"E, 1793m: 1♂ (under a rock, next to an Acacia tree, in company with the ant *Tetramorium caespitum* (Linnaeus, 1758)). Asir Province, W. Jallah, 16.v.2011, 20°08'04.1"N, 41°20'34.4"E: 2♂.

Superfamily Garypoidea

Family **Olpiidae** Banks, 1895

Subfamily **Hesperolpiinae**

Genus ***Calocheirus*** Chamberlin, 1930

Calocheirus atopus Chamberlin, 1930

Type Locality: *Calocheirus atopus*: near Port Sudan, **Sudan.**

Calocheirus atopos Chamberlin, 1930: Harvey, 1991: 273; Mahnert, 1991: 172-173, 1♀, Wadi Horash, 1600 m, 21.V.1982, W. Büttiker.

Apolpiolum peregrinum Beier, 1963: Mahnert, 1980: 33-35, fig. 1, Bureida, 28.V.1978, W. Büttiker: 1♂; Al Khubra, 29./30.V.1978, W. Büttiker: 1♂; Wadi Khumra, 23.III.1979, A. Barkham: 1♀ (in part; see *Calocheirus gracilis* Mahnert) (synonymised by Mahnert, 1986c: 148).

Calocheirus gracilis Mahnert, 1991 (Endemic)

Type Locality: Wadi Khumra, *Ar Riyād*, Saudi Arabia.

Apolpiolum peregrinum Beier: Mahnert, 1980: 33-35 (misidentification, in part).

Calocheirus gracilis Mahnert, 1991: 173-174, figs 1-6. Holotype: ♀, Saudi Arabia: Wadi Khumra, 23.III.1979, A. Barkham, NHMB. Paratypes: 1♂, 1 tritonymph, Wadi Al Ammariya, 22.II.1980, MHNG, NHMB; 1 deutonymph, same locality, 7.II.1980, NHMB; 1♂, same locality, 17.II.1980, NHMB; all A. Barkham.

Subfamily Olpiinae

Genus *Minniza* Simon, 1881

Minniza babylonica Beier, 1931

Minniza syriaca: near Ar Ruṭbah (as Rutbah), *Al Anbār*, Iraq.

Minniza babylonica Beier, 1931: Mahnert, 1980: 35-36, figs. 2-9, Wadi Hanifa, 25.IV.1976; W. Wittmer - W. Büttiker: Wadi Hanifa, 6.II.1976: 1 Trito., 1♀; Kushm Dibi, 20./21.IV.1978: 3♂ 5♀; Wadi Khumra, 27.IV.1979: 8♂ 14♀, leg. W. Büttiker; Kushm Dibi, 5.VIII.1978: 1♂; Wadi Ammariyah, 2.III.1979: 9♂ 3♀; 16.III.1979: 1♂ 2♀; 31.III.1979: 10♂ 12♀; Wadi Khumra, 23.III.1979: 10♂ 5♀ 1T, alle leg. A. Barkham; Harvey, 1991: 284; Mahnert, 1991: 177, numerous specimens from Baloum nr Al Hariq, W of Horash (1600 m), Kashm al Alash, Khashm Khafs, Kushm al Buwaybiyat, Kushm Dibi, W of Mukhtayu, Wadi Al Ammariya, Wadi al Dilla (550 m, with ants) Wadi Hamamah, Wadi Khumra, Wadi Majarish, Wadi Nissah, Wadi Tawqi, all collected by W. Büttiker.

Minniza barkhamae Mahnert, 1991 (Endemic)

Type Locality: Wadi Khumra, *Ar Riyād*, Saudi Arabia.

Minniza barkhamae n. sp., Mahnert, 1991: 178-180, figs. 19-24, Holotype: ♀, Wadi Khumra, 25.I.1980, A. Barkham, NHMB. Paratypes: 1♀, same data, MHNG; 1♂, Shumaisy, 25°06'N 38°43'E, 740 m, 11-12.XI.1986, W. Büttiker, NHMB.

Minniza levisetosa Mahnert, 1991 (Endemic)

Type Locality: Mawqaq [27°23'N, 41°11'E], *Hā'īl*, Saudi Arabia.

Minniza levisetosa n. sp., Mahnert, 1991: 179-181, figs. 25-29, Holotype: ♂, Mawqaq, 27°19'N 41°11'E, 1090 m, 4.V.1985, W. Büttiker, NHMB. Paratypes: 1♂, 1♀, 1 tritonymph, NHMB, MHNG.

Minniza monticola Mahnert, 1991

Type Locality: W. of Horash, *Makkah*, Saudi Arabia.

Minniza monticola n. sp., Mahnert, 1991: 183-184, figs. 37-40, Holotype: ♀, Makkah distr., W of Horash, 21°07'N 40°31'E, 1600 m, 21.IV.1985, W. Büttiker, NHMB. Paratypes: 1♂, same data, 21.V.1982, MHNG; 2♂♂, 1♀, Harithi, 21°18'N 40°18'E, 1910 m, 18-19.IV.1985, W. Büttiker, NHMB, MHNG.

Minniza monticola Mahnert, 1991 (Mahnert *et al.*, 2014: 391).

Material examined. Al Bahah, W. Turabah, Al Mandaq, 14.v.2011, 20°12'39.7"N, 41°17'17.6"E, 1793 m, found under rocks, near Acacia tree: 2♂; same locality and habitat, 10.V.2011: 2♂.

Minniza persica Beier, 1951

Minniza persica Beier, 1951: Mahnert, 1991: 177-178, specimens from Jebel Dhi Khul, Kashm al Alash, Wadi Hanifa (W. Büttiker), Kushm Dibi and Wadi Ammariyah (A. Barkham).

Genus ***Parolpium*** Beier, 1931

Parolpium gracile (Beier, 1930) (Endemic)

Type Locality: Jazarat Sinafir (as Senafir Island) [27°55'N, 34°43'E], *Tabūk*, **Saudi Arabia**. [Egypt?]

Olpium gracile Beier, 1930: Beier, 1933c: 85-87, figs. 1-2, Aegypten, "Typen: 1♂, 1♀, Insel Senafir im Roten Meer an der Südspitze der Halbinsel Sinai, 15.IV.1928, R.Ph. Dollfus leg. Paratypen: 7 weitere Exemplare vom selben Fundorte und Sammler." [Types in MNHN, paratypes in Musée Royal de Zoologie d'Égypte, en formation au Caire. (Note de R.Ph. Dollfus)]; El-Hennawy, 1988b: 10, Senafir Island (Red Sea), Egypt.

Parolpium gracile (Beier): Harvey, 1991: 297, Senafir Island.

Pseudoscorpiones

Olpidae - Abd El-Wakeil *et al.* (2014): Wadi Al-Arj, Taif, Saudi Arabia.

Al-Baha, leg. El-Hawagry: 1; 1, 2.1.2012, Dhee Ain.

* This list of Saudi Arabian pseudoscorpions is extracted from Harvey (2013) in addition to Mahnert (1980, 1991, 2014).

List of Saudi Arabian Pseudoscorpions Order Pseudoscorpiones

Suborder Epiocheirata

Superfamily Chthonioidea

Family Chthoniidae Daday, 1888

Pseudochthonius arabicus Mahnert, 2014*

Suborder Iocheirata

Superfamily Cheliferoidea

Family Atemnidae Kishida, 1929

Paratemnoides ellingseni (Beier, 1932)

Family Cheliferidae Risso, 1826

Dactylochelifer arabicus Mahnert 1991*

Rhacochelifer barkhamae Mahnert 1980*

Rhacochelifer longeuungiculatus Beier 1963

Rhacochelifer sonyae Mahnert 1991*

Strobilochelifer spinipalpis (Redikorzev 1918)

Family Withiidae Chamberlin, 1931

Nannowithius buettikeri (Mahnert 1980)

Pseudochernes arabicus Mahnert 1991*

Withius arabicus Mahnert 1980*

Withius piger (Simon, 1878)

Superfamily Garypoidea

Family **Olpiidae** Banks, 1895

Calocheirus atopus Chamberlin, 1930

Calocheirus gracilis Mahnert, 1991*

Minniza babylonica Beier, 1931

Minniza barkhamae Mahnert, 1991*

Minniza levisetosa Mahnert, 1991*

Minniza monticola Mahnert, 1991

Minniza persica Beier, 1951

Parolpium gracile (Beier, 1930)*

5 Families, 11 Genera, 19 Species (10 of them are endemic *)

Key to Families *

1. Tarsi of legs 1 and 2 consist of one segment each while tarsi of legs 3 and 4 consist of two segments each; Chelicerae large, sometimes 2/3 the carapace length; Eyes usually 4 or absent Family **Chthoniidae**

-. Tarsi of legs 1-4 consist of two segments each; Chelicerae moderately large, about 1/2 the carapace length or shorter; Eyes usually 4, may be 2 or absent Family **Olpiidae**

--. Tarsi of legs 1-4 consist of one segment each; Chelicerae small, not more than 1/3 the carapace length; Eyes 2 or absent 2

2. Venom apparatus developed only in the fixed finger; Abdominal tergites and sternites usually not completely divided; Carapace smooth, with, at most, a shallow transverse furrow near the middle; Tarsus of leg 4 has a prominent tactile seta near the proximal end Family **Atemniidae**

-. Venom apparatus well developed in both fingers of the palpal chela; Abdominal tergites and sternites usually divided 3

3. Cheliceral flagellum consists of 3 setae; Legs tarsal claws and subterminal tarsal seta simple or toothed; Body length 3-4 mm Family **Cheliferidae**

-. Cheliceral flagellum consists of 4 setae; Legs tarsal claws and subterminal tarsal seta simple; Body length about 2-3 mm Family **Withiidae**

* Modified from El-Hennawy (1988a).

IV. Sun-Spiders of Saudi Arabia

Order Solifugae Sundevall, 1833

Family **Daesiidae** Kraepelin

Subfamily **Daesiinae** Kraepelin, 1899

Genus **Biton** Karsch, 1880

Biton (Biton) ehrenbergi Karsch, 1880

Biton ehrenbergi Karsch, 1880: El-Hennawy (1999: 77); Harvey (2003: 220-221, Type localities: Al Tor, *Janûb Sînâi*, Egypt; Syria; Egypt; Dunqulah (as Dongolah), *Northern*, Sudan).

Biton ehrenbergi Karsch, 1880 - Al-Baha, leg. El-Hawagry: 1♂, 1♀, 8.6.2011, 1♂, 1.2.2012, Ghabet Shohba; 1j, 13.5.2011, Raghdan; 2♂, 1.6.2011, Gebel El-Baher.

Biton sp. - Abd El-Wakeil *et al.* (2014): Wadi Al-Arj, Taif, Saudi Arabia.

Biton philbyi Lawrence, 1954 Endemic
Biton philbyi Lawrence, 1954: Harvey (2003: 223, Type locality: Taif, *Makkah*, Saudi Arabia).

Biton (Biton) sabulosus (Pocock, 1903)
Daesia sabulosa Pocock, 1903: Harvey (2003: 224, Type locality: Dhala (as Dthala), *Dhala*, Yemen. Distribution: Saudi Arabia, Yemen).
Biton sabulosus (Pocock, 1903): Lawrence, 1954: 116; El-Hennawy (1999: 78, Arabia).

Biton (Biton) truncatidens Lawrence, 1954 Endemic
Biton truncatidens Lawrence, 1954: Harvey (2003: 225, Type locality: Ashaira, Saudi Arabia).

Family **Galeodidae** Sundevall, 1833

Genus **Galeodes** Olivier, 1791

Galeodes arabs C.L. Koch, 1842

Galeodes arabs C.L. Koch, 1842: El-Hennawy (1999: 84); Harvey (2003: 256-257).

Galeodes lacertosus Roewer, 1934

Galeodes lacertosus Roewer, 1934: Harvey (2003: 265, Type locality: Wadi al Masilah (as Wadi Masila), *Hadramawt*, Yemen).

Galeodes levyi Harvey, 2002

Galeodes dorsalis Roewer, 1934: El-Hennawy (1999: 85); Lawrence, 1954: 120; Levy & Shulov, 1964: 110 [junior primary homonym of *Galeodes dorsalis* Latreille, 1817].

Galeodes levyi Harvey, 2002: 453 [replacement name for *Galeodes dorsalis* Roewer, 1934]; Harvey (2003: 266, Type locality: Al Lith (as “El Lit”), *Makkah*, Saudi Arabia).

Galeodes granti Pocock, 1903

Galeodes granti Pocock, 1903: El-Hennawy (1999: 86); Type locality: Al Kabar (as El Kubar), *Dhala*, Yemen.

Genus **Galeodopsis** Birula, 1903

Galeodopsis cyrus (Pocock, 1895)

Galeodes cyrus Pocock, 1895: Harvey (2003: 273-274, Type locality: Al Faw (as Fao), *Al Basrah*, Iraq).

Genus **Othoes** Hirst, 1911

Othoes hirsti Lawrence, 1954 Endemic

Othoes hirsti Lawrence, 1954: Harvey (2003: 274, Type locality: Jiddah (as Jedda), *Makkah*, Saudi Arabia).

Genus **Paragaleodes** Kraepelin, 1899

Paragaleodes scalaris (C.L. Koch, 1842)

Galeodes scalaris C.L. Koch, 1842: El-Hennawy (1999: 88).

Paragaleodes scalaris (C.L. Koch, 1842): Harvey (2003: 275-276, Type locality of *Galeodes scalaris*: Arabia).

Family **Rhagodidae** Pocock, 1897

Genus **Rhagodeca** Roewer, 1933

Rhagodeca impavida (C.L. Koch, 1842)

Rhagodeca impavida (C.L. Koch, 1842): El-Hennawy (1999: 94, Arabia, Oman); Harvey (2003: 292, Middle East).

Genus **Rhagodorta** Roewer, 1933

Rhagodorta zorab (Birula, 1905)

Rhagodorta zorab (Birula, 1905): Lawrence, 1954: 111, 1♂, Jidda, Arabia, 1.v.1934, collected by H. St. J. B. Philby (B.M. 1952.10.30.4); Harvey (2003: 302, Type locality: *Tehran*, Iran).

Family **Solpugidae** Leach, 1815

Subfamily **Ferrandiinae** Roewer, 1933

Genus **Ferrandia** Roewer, 1933

Ferrandia arabica Lawrence, 1954

Endemic

Ferrandia arabica Lawrence, 1954: Harvey (2003: 303, Type locality: Hadda, Saudi Arabia).

Ferrandia robusta Lawrence, 1954

Endemic

Ferrandia robusta Lawrence, 1954: Harvey (2003: 303, Type locality: Khurma, Saudi Arabia. Note: There are several localities named Khurma in Saudi Arabia).

4 Families, 8 Genera, 15 Species [5 of them endemic, all described by Lawrence (1954)]

* This list of Saudi Arabian sun-spiders is extracted from Harvey (2013) in addition to El-Hennawy (1999).

Key to Families *

1. Anus ventrally located Family **Rhagodidae**
-. Anus terminally located 2
2. Tarsal segmentation 1-4-4-(6-7) Family **Solpugidae**
-. Tarsal segmentation 1-1-1-1 to 1-2-2-4 3
3. Tarsal claws of legs 2 to 4 setaceous Family **Galeodidae**
-. Tarsal claws of legs 2 to 4 smooth Family **Daesiidae**

* Modified from El-Hennawy (1990).

V. Harvestmen of Saudi Arabia

Although harvestmen were occasionally mentioned in scientific papers from Saudi Arabia (e.g. Faragalla & Taher (1991) who recorded them from Khulais, 80 km northeast Jeddah), the first known identified species from the country was recorded by Staręga (2004). Only one species of this arachnid order is known from Saudi Arabia until now.

Order Opiliones Sundevall, 1833

Eupnoi Hansen & Sørensen, 1904

Superfamily **Phalangioida** Latreille, 1802

Family **Phalangiidae** Latreille, 1802

Subfamily **Phalangiinae** Latreille, 1802

Metaphalangium sudanum Roewer, 1961

Staręga (2004: 239): 1♂, 2 juv. – "Saudi-Arabien: Shafa, 21s12'N, 40s23'E, 230 m, 21.XII.1982, leg. W. Büttiker." 1984 det. W. Staręga (Coll. J. Martens –Mainz).

The specimens from Sudan and Saudi Arabia are stronger armed as those from Israel and Egypt – the Egyptian males (the holo- and paratypus of *M. orientale*) were smaller: respectively 7.5 and 6.5 mm long and had a shorter penis: 2.69 long, glans 0.34, stylus 0.22 mm.

Distribution. Israel: ?Wadi Abyad (probably Roewer, 1953 sub *M. propinquum*), En Radian (Staręga, 1967 sub *M. propinquum*). Egypt: Masâra north-west of Asyüt (Staręga, 1973a sub *M. orientale*). Sudan: Sinkat south of Port Sudan (Roewer, 1961). Saudi Arabia: Ash Shafa south of Mekka (Coll. J. Martens) – the first species of harvestman known from the country!

1 Family, 1 Genus, 1 Species

VI. Micro Whip-Scorpions of Saudi Arabia

Order Palpigradi Thorell, 1888

Family **Eukoeneniidae** Petrunkevitch, 1955

Genus *Leptokoenenia* Condé, 1965

Leptokoenenia gerlachi Condé, 1965

Leptokoenenia gerlachi Condé, 1965: 1900, figs. a-d; Rowland and Sissom, 1980: 81.

Type locality: Sarad Sarso Island, *Jizan*, Saudi Arabia.

Distribution: Saudi Arabia.

"The peculiar genus *Leptokoenenia* Condé is found in littoral ecosystems in Saudi Arabia and Congo, a habitat once thought to represent the archetypal environment from which all other palpigrades may have evolved (Savory, 1977)" (Harvey, 2003: 149).

1 Family, 1 Genus, 1 Species

VII. Whip-Spiders of Saudi Arabia

Order Amblypygi Thorell, 1883

Family **Phrynichidae** Simon, 1892

Subfamily **Phrynichinae** Simon, 1892

Genus *Phrynichus* Karsch, 1879

Phrynichus gaucheri Weygoldt, 1998

Myodalis jayakari (Pocock): Whittick, 1941: 45–48, figs. 1–7 (misidentification, see also *Phrynichus deflersi* Simon and *Phrynichus jayakari* Pocock).

Phrynichus jayakari Pocock: Weygoldt, 1995: fig. 12 (misidentification, in part).

Phrynichus gaucheri Weygoldt, 1998: 9–10, figs. 12–15, 34.

Type locality: Khotib, Sadig Island, Farasan al Kabir Islands, *Jizan*, Saudi Arabia.

Distribution: Saudi Arabia.

Weygoldt (2000: fig. 292) recorded *Phrynichus deflersi* sp. gr. from Saudi Arabia and adjacent countries. Also, he said: "The species of the *Phrynichus deflersi* species-group, *P. deflersi*, *P. gaucheri* and *P. jayakari*, are found on the Arabian Peninsula in

Saudi Arabia, ... On the Farasan Islands in Saudi Arabia, wells have been drilled along such fissures and the animals gather in such wells. These whip spiders are not cavernicolous as they have normal eyes and are occasionally found in uninhabited or seldom-used houses near Riyadh, Mecca or Masqat" (p.132).

1 Family, 1 Genus, 1 Species

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